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Riders can catch a lift to the GO for a toonie

Transit. Pilot project lets commuters use their phones to book a ride to the station

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Starting this spring, Milton commuters will be able to use their smartphones to order a ride on a new form of public transit that will take them from their front doors to the GO station and back, and cost them less than $2 each way.

The City of Milton is partnering with Metrolinx and Waterloo tech startup RideCo on a pilot project that begins in April and could prove to be a model for other cities.

Customers will be able to book a pickup time and pay for a ride through an app or website. They'll get a notification when their ride — a taxi or shuttle bus — is about to arrive.

They'll likely share that ride with a neighbour or two or more picked up along the route. As more stops are requested, the route "dynamically" changes to meet demand, according to Metrolinx.

The price can change as well. If, for example, there are other neighbours who've requested a ride 15 minutes earlier than a customer has booked, they will be offered a chance to take that ride at a discount from the $1.95 fare.

Metrolinx spokeswoman Anne Marie Aikins said it's too early to say if a similar service will be rolled out in other communities, but Metrolinx will be assessing that possibility in the yearlong pilot project.

Milton Coun. Mike Cluett said the pilot project will help commuters.

"We have a transit system that's in its infancy," he said. "Anything that will help make getting rides on transit easier so (riders) use it is a good thing."

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Universities team up to help foreign students

Elisa Chang was an outgoing student in her native Taiwan, popular among classmates for her friendliness and a favourite of teachers for her good grades.

The 19-year-old came to study at the University of Toronto with high expectations but soon learned the new freedom away from home was not a "real vacation."

"I was popular in high school, but it's hard to make friends here. People are nice, but it's hard to have any deep conversation. People would laugh at things I didn't know were funny," said Chang, who came to study international development and economics in 2013 on a student visa.

Scope

In a survey of 600 foreign students from the three universities, the project found that three-quarters of the respondents had experienced depression and stress in the past year but only 68 per cent of them had sought help.

"I just didn't get it and I faked it, as if I understood. I was very sad. I blamed it on my English. I was discouraged to talk and make friends. And I became anti-social. I struggled in school but I did not want my parents to know."

Such challenges to mental well-being are common among foreign students, who now account for eight per cent of Canada's post-secondary student population. That's why three Toronto universities have teamed up on a joint program meant to help foreign students deal with the transition to studies in Canada.

Living independently and studying abroad for the first time, international students not only have to deal with homesickness and culture shock but also academic stress. That's amid the struggle of trying to fulfil parental expectations and taking on new responsibilities, from signing leases to managing finances and doing laundry.

Unlike their Canadian counterparts, they're unlikely to have nearby family or friends for support and may not know where to get help. For many, it is also taboo to talk about mental health.

Called Speaking Your Language, the program at Ryerson University, the University of Toronto and OCAD University avoids references to "mental health" because of the social stigma associated with the term. Instead, it focuses the discussion on "relationships and school," said Arif Abu of Ryerson's International Student Services.

"For some, they don't even have the term 'mental health' in their language. In some African cultures, for example, depression is referred to as 'having too much thinking,'" Abu said. "We want to go with a language that we all understand. People don't want any formal counselling labeled with 'mental health.' That's why we have informal peer support meetings."

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Tentative deal struck between protesters, U of T

Demonstrators protest on the grounds of the University of Toronto on Wednesday. Later that day, a new tentative agreement was reached between the university and the union representing its teaching assistants. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

York U strikers face threatening tweets

Investigation.
One post called for running picketers over

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One of the tweets about running over picketers at York University may have included an acronym for "laughing my ass off," but some strikers are taking such tweets seriously and reporting them to the police.

Police spokeswoman Const. Caroline de Kloet said the Toronto Police Service is investigating posts threatening the strikers and monitoring Twitter for them.

"Obviously they're visible to us, too," she said.

One of the tweets about running over strikers was from @Ramonda171995, who responded to a friend complaining about the pickets with "just run them over Lmaoo," to which her friend responded with emojis that are laughing so hard they're crying.

Another was from @SamBeves who tweeted, "Run them over!" before deleting the account.

York picketers have actually been hit, says CUPE 3903.

Two suffered minor injuries in the collision on March 6 when, according to a statement from the union, a driver got out of his car to intimidate picketers and moved a barrier set up as protection. The same man then got back in his car and allegedly hit two people.

Ebola. Toronto patient found to be disease-free

A patient being treated for flu-like symptoms at Sunnybrook hospital has tested negative for Ebola, according to a statement on the hospital's website.

The test results came from the Public Health Ontario Laboratory on Wednesday night.

The patient was brought in Wednesday morning, after being transferred from another Toronto hospital, according to Dr. Andrew Simor, a Sunnybrook doctor who recently returned from Sierra Leone, where he helped train survivors of the disease in infection prevention.

Simor said the patient, who travelled in West Africa, including Guinea, had been exhibiting non-specific flu symptoms, including fevers and chills, for around five days.

It is likely that the patient had been away from risk zones for more than 21 days — the incubation period for the deadly disease — but due to inconsistencies in the story, hospital staff decided to test for Ebola to be safe.

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Spring babies

A baby raccoon is cared for at the Toronto Wildlife Centre. With the arrival of spring, the shelter has been flooded with calls about squirrel kits, raccoon cubs and even a baby owl. As animals search for places to raise their kids, TWC director Nathalie Karvonen is urging residents to avoid using traps and be mindful of new holes on their property. "There could be a female with babies," she said. Anyone who suspects animals may be nesting in their home is advised to call the centre's hotline (416-631-0662). CONTRIBUTED

Jury reaches single verdict in terror case

Court. Jurors are deadlocked on one of two men on trial for alleged Via Rail plot

Chiheb Esseghaier, left, and Raed Jaser appeared in court in Toronto on Thursday before Justice Michael Code. A jury says it has unanimously reached a verdict for one of two men accused in an alleged terror plot to derail a passenger train travelling from New York to Toronto. ALEXANDRA NEWBOULD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A Toronto jury came to a unanimous decision Wednesday on the fate of one of two men accused in an alleged terror plot to derail a Via Rail passenger train, but jury members found themselves at an impasse on charges against his co-accused.

The 12-member panel, which has been deliberating for eight days in the trial of Raed Jaser and Chiheb Esseghaier, did not reveal which of the two men they were disagreeing on, nor did they hint at which of the nine terror-related charges was causing their deadlock.

Jaser and Esseghaier were arrested in 2013 following an extensive investigation into the alleged plot to kill scores of people by derailing a train travelling between Canada and the U.S.

Both men are charged with two counts of conspiracy and two counts of participating in or contributing to a terrorist group. Esseghaier is also facing a fifth terror-related charge.

Justice Michael Code, who has been presiding over the trial, asked jurors to continue their deliberations and attempt to reach a unanimous decision on all charges in the case.

"Would you please try once again to reach a verdict?" Code asked the jury.

"This is a time for each of you to reflect further on the evidence to see whether by carefully considering the various positions and, listening to each other, you can come to an agreement and render a unanimous verdict."

The jury revealed their impasse in a note delivered to Code on Wednesday afternoon.

The panel said it had found unanimous verdicts for one accused on each count he faced, but had only agreed on verdicts for two counts faced by the other accused.

"On the remaining counts we are unable to reach an agreement," the jury wrote. "There seems to be no path to consensus."

The jury asked Code for advice on how to proceed and for suggestions on resolving their situation.

Code explained he had the authority to discharge the jury if it appeared that further deliberations would be useless, but he emphasized that it was not a power he would exert lightly.

"Often, when we allow juries more time to deliberate they are able to reach an agreement," he said. "You should keep an open mind and consider carefully the views of your fellow jurors."

The revelation of the jury's impasse came just a few hours after they were instructed that they needed to find Jaser and Esseghaier "genuinely meant" to bring about the alleged plot to carry out the train derailment, as opposed to feigning that intention.

Those instructions from Code were in response to a question from the jury on the element of intention required to form a conspiracy.

The jury's question appeared critical to 37-year-old Jaser, who, his lawyer argued, was never actually intent on carrying out any terrorist activities, but was only feigning interest as part of an elaborate con to extract money from his co-accused and an undercover FBI agent who gained their trust.

Jaser eventually dropped out of the alleged plot while Esseghaier continued to pursue it.

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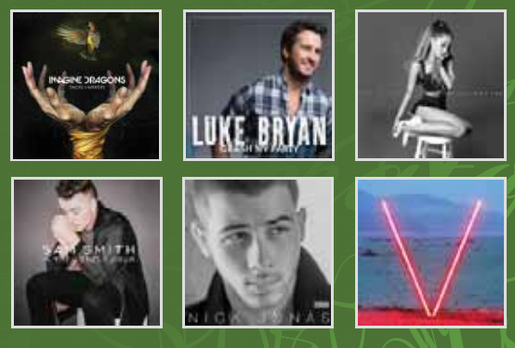

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‘The Gardiner will kill someone’

Infrastructure. Potential lawsuits after injury or death could cost taxpayers millions: Lawyer

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When the repairs, maintenance and opportunity costs are added up, the Gardiner Expressway is set to cost Torontonians nearly $1.2 billion over the next century.

And that’s not including the possible lawsuits.

“The Gardiner will kill someone. The question is when,” said Marc Spivak, a personal injury lawyer at Devry Smith Frank. “And when it happens, the city is going to be on the hook.”

City crews were inspecting the Gardiner Wednesday, after large chunks of concrete fell from the roadway two days earlier. And last month, a piece of the crumbling overpass crashed on top of a car on Lakeshore Boulevard.

Mayor John Tory has acknowledged the expressway poses a safety risk and vowed additional funding to fast-track repairs.

By allowing the Gardiner to deteriorate, Spivak says the city has jeopardized public safety — and the public purse. Should a falling piece of the Gardiner injure or kill someone, the payout could reach into the millions, he said.

A 2013 investigation by the Torstar News Service found the city paid out more than $32 million in civil claims relating to road and sidewalk maintenance since 2000.

“It’s the taxpayers that pay for those claims,” Spivak said.

In a rather morbid twist, Spivak says he believes the city would likely pay out far less in the case of a Gardiner-related death than a serious injury.

“It’s a numbers game for the city. They hope it doesn’t fall on somebody, and if it does, that it kills them,” he said. “You don’t get an awful lot of money for a dead person in the Ontario system.”

Transportation services acting director Myles Currie says the Gardiner remains “structurally sound” and the public has nothing to fear.

Currie reiterated that the city has bumped ahead its schedule for inspecting the Gardiner and plans to reinforce some of its more aging pieces with wood and netting.

“I want the public to know we’re diligent and acting on this,” he said.

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“When the city doesn’t do a good job repairing and maintaining its infrastructure, they’re opening themselves up to liability.”

Marc Spivak, a Toronto-based personal injury lawyer

A city truck blocks off the left lane of Lakeshore Boulevard near the Don Valley Parkway on Tuesday after concrete fell from the Gardiner Expressway. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Native Earth premieres The Unplugging

Theatre. Ouevre gives focus to aboriginal voices

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Ageism, environmentalism, a post-apocalyptic setting and aboriginal teachings — it's all on stage this week in the Toronto premiere of The Unplugging.

The play blends the politics of the old — traditional knowledge for how to live within nature — with the futuristic — a ruined world devoid of electricity.

And it's the latest offering from a Toronto theatre company with a 30-year history of upending the politics of mainstream theatre simply by telling aboriginal stories and offering a platform to aboriginal talent.

"If we didn't have Native Earth, I would say 80 per cent of the aboriginal plays that have been produced in the last 20 years wouldn't have been developed," said Native Earth Performing Arts artistic director Ryan Cunningham.

Founded in 1982, Native Earth is Canada's leading — and oldest — aboriginal theatre company. It was the birthplace of revolutionary plays like Thompson Highway's The Rez Sisters in the 1980s, which debuted to sold-out crowds and offered the first on-stage portrayal of reservation life.

"There was nothing in place, no companies supporting aboriginal writers, playwrights, poets. That's where Native Earth came out of — a need to support the writers that were here in Toronto," Cunningham said.

More than 30 years later, it's still serving that crucial need, he said.

"Hearing my mentors for the last 20 years talking about banging on the doors and having no acknowledgement.... It continues to be very difficult to get aboriginal productions in mainstream arts institutions," he said.

Even when inroads are made — The Unplugging is a co-production with Toronto's Factory Theatre — Native Earth can claim some responsibility: Factory Theatre's artistic director, Nina Lee Aquino, used to work there.

Cunningham now wants to make the company a leader nationally and internationally in aboriginal theatre.

Native Earth is collaborating with groups in New Zealand and Australia. Its theatre in Regent Park is now the de facto home for touring aboriginal works from across the country.

And Native Earth's annual new works festival has become the aboriginal equivalent of the Fringe Festival — launching new plays and giving actors and writers a chance to collaborate and grow.

The Unplugging

See the play at Factory Theatre Mainstage, starting March 14 to April 5. Pay-what-you-can up to $45.

In Native Earth's latest production, The Unplugging, two women (played by Allegra Fulton, left, and Diana Belshaw) must fend for themselves after being cast out from their community because they can no longer bear children.
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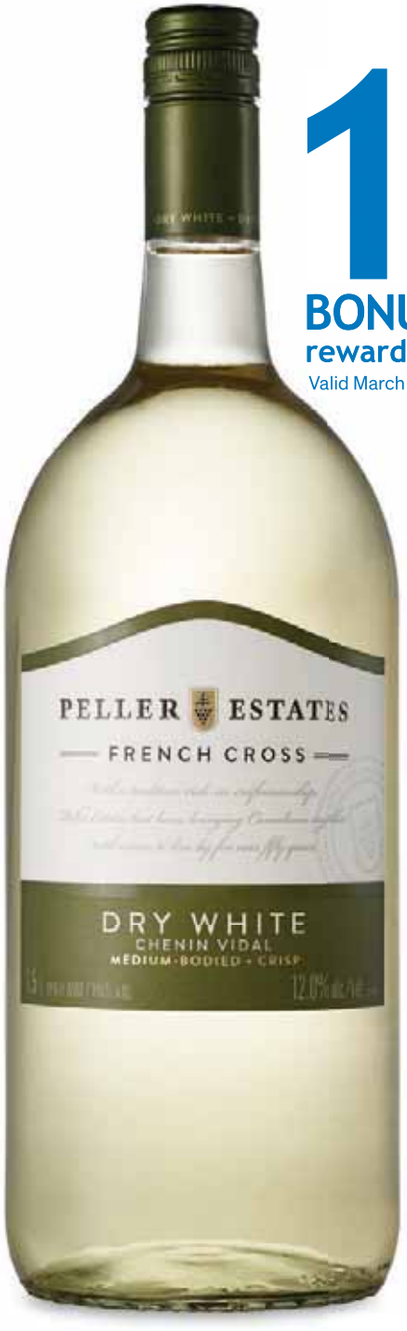

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From left: Jan Morrissey, Peter Hopperton, Pat Robertson and Bernie Gillett are frustrated by the city's refusal to deal with Airbnb short-term rentals in residential neighbourhoods. They have complained to the city about "parties" at the house at 5 Glenelia and were told the city would look into it. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Neighbours fed up with Airbnb house

Willowdale. Residents say police were called to break up a loud party with 100 teens

Residents of a quiet, suburban Willowdale street are complaining about living near a house that's being rented out on the popular website Airbnb, bringing added noise, garbage and parties.

Renters have ranged from a large family reunion to workers on a construction project. But the five-bedroom house on Glenelia Avenue, near Bayview and Cummer avenues, was the site of a party last June that appeared to be a high-school prom celebration. Police had to be called.

"That was the icing on the cake," said Peter Hopperton, estimating there were over 100 teenagers there that night. "The next morning, we were picking up beer bottles and garbage.

"You never really know who's going to be there from one week to the next. There are no rules and there's no one to contact," he said.

"There are lots of people coming and going," said Jan Morrissey, Hopperton's wife.

Sometimes the rentals are benign, she said, but other times renters can be loud on the front porch into the wee hours of the morning.

This case highlights a growing issue that has emerged with new, disruptive companies such as Airbnb — which links homeowners with travellers looking for a place to stay — and Uber, which links passengers with drivers.

Airbnb, valued at nearly $20 billion US, is transforming the way people are travelling, allowing people to stay in ordinary homes and apartments.

Existing municipal regulations don't necessarily apply. In some cases, condo or co-op board rules clearly outlaw the practice. Some jurisdictions, from Amsterdam to San Francisco, are moving to set up clear rules around short-term stays.

Travellers like the conveniences of home, savings on accommodation and the chance to live like a local. But these rentals make the neighbours nervous, especially when they don't know who is staying.

Tom Gillett thinks the city needs to step in and regulate this growing type of business.

"You have to define what is allowed and what is not allowed. A party business is not allowed," Gillett said.

But the city doesn't appear ready to intervene. For several days, Torstar News Service asked for an interview with officials in municipal licensing and standards but was told no one was available.

City spokeswoman Tammy Robbinson later said it has received a few inquiries and is aware of one complaint regarding Airbnb.

"There has been no direction from city council to undertake a review of Airbnb or the necessity to regulate short-term rentals specifically," she added in an email.

But Coun. David Shiner, who has fielded complaints from the residents on Glenelia Avenue, believes the province needs to give the city additional powers.

"We have no idea who is renting the house, who is in the house and what the use is inside the house," he said.

In an emailed statement, Airbnb's Aaron Zifkin, country manager for Canada, said the company was investigating this listing but declined further comment.

The property on Glenelia Avenue is owned by a numbered Ontario company. Torstar spoke to a woman named Helen, who was listed as the home's owner online, about the neighbours' complaints.

"It's not for parties. It's for vacations," she said, adding some are visitors to Canada or individuals on short work assignments.

Helen said she has not received any complaints from the neighbours and never heard about the June party the police were called to. However, when pressed, she acknowledged there had been an issue on one occasion. Now she charges additional fees for groups of six or more, capping at 12 people.

In addition, she said if she discovers the renters are young, she will emphasize there is to be no outside noise after 11 p.m.

"We keep it very clean," she said. "We are very careful."

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"You have to define what is allowed and what is not allowed. A party business is not allowed."

Tom Gillett, local resident

Scarborough: Foodies' best-kept open secret

Ethnic offerings.
American economist and writer suggests city's mostly ignored area may be the dining capital of the world

Whatever comes to mind when you think about Scarborough, chances are it's not food. But could this Toronto suburb be the dining capital of the world?

American economist Tyler Cowen recently posed that question in a blog post after tagging alongside representatives from the University of Toronto Scarborough's food studies initiative for a tour of the area's ethnic offerings last week. "I concluded Scarborough is the best ethnic food suburb I have seen in my life, ever, and by an order of magnitude," wrote Cowen, author of An Economist Gets Lunch: New Rules for Everyday Foodies.

It's a bold statement that's casting a new light on an area that's long lived in the shadow of downtown Toronto, the province's cultural mecca for foodies and tourists.

Over the phone from his office at George Mason University in Virginia, Cowen noted that people in Toronto seem to perceive the new, hip restaurants to be elsewhere. "But it seems to me, you don't come close to this part of town," he said.

Rick Halpern, dean of UTSC and Cowen's tour guide last Wednesday, agreed that most people are fixated on the downtown core. "No one goes east of the DVP," he said.

Cowen's post is making the rounds online, and sparking discussion on blogs and Reddit. Scarborough is "a foodie's best-kept secret," as one commenter put it, though it's no secret to locals.

Tyler Cowen, well-known economist, has previously written about the economics of food and recently lauded Scarborough's ethnic cuisine. CONTRIBUTED

Local food lovers and restaurant staff say Cowen's public praise of Scarborough-specific cuisine is welcome.

"It makes us feel proud," said Vince Gutierrez, manager at Remeley's, a restaurant that's been offering homestyle Filipino fare on Sheppard Ave E. near McCowan Road since 1997, and one of the stops on the group's tour last week.

"It's great news to hear," echoed Ganesan Sugumar, CEO and director of Saravanaa Bhavan Canada, an Indian vegetarian restaurant chain. (Cowen's tour group visited the location near McCowan Road and Finch Ave. East.) "This area is not highlighted because it's not a rich area, so therefore the people are not highlighted in the right way and the promotion is not done in the right way," added Sugumar.

Sugumar said he'd like to see more promotion of what Scarborough has to offer when it comes to ethnic food, in the vein of big food festivals like Taste of the Danforth and Taste of Little Italy.

While there is the annual Taste of Lawrence street festival and the newer TO Food Fest in Scarborough, now in its third year, the latter's co-founder said the area is still under-promoted.

"I think that there is a negative connotation associated with Scarborough," said Winston Chiu, co-founder of TO Food Fest, which is happening in July at the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto on Sheppard Avenue East. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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"I concluded Scarborough is the best ethnic food suburb I have seen in my life, ever ..."

American economist Tyler Cowen, author of An Economist Gets Lunch: New Rules for Everyday Foodies.

Ganesan Sugumar, CEO and director of Saravanaa Bhavan Canada, holds up a dish from South India called Rava dosa, the same dish an American economist tasted when he visited the Scarborough restaurant, prompting him to dub Scarborough the "best ethnic food suburb." VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Man aquitted of toddler's death

A Hamilton man has been acquitted in the death of a toddler. A jury found Greg Dalley not guilty Wednesday in the July 2012 death of two-year-old Noah Keizer. Dalley was babysitting the child and had been accused of slapping him so hard it caused a fatal brain injury.

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Sudbury

Three dead found at plane crash site

Provincial police say three bodies have been found at the site of a small plane crash in the Sudbury, Ont., area. The plane was reported missing Tuesday afternoon and was located near the French and Pickerel rivers, 75km from the northeastern Ontario city.

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Collision

54 vehicle pile-up results in 401 closure

A significant chunk of Highway 401 has been closed after about 54 vehicles were involved in a massive pileup overnight. The collision occurred just after midnight on the eastbound 401 near County Road 40, west of Belleville, due to poor driving conditions.

Sgt. Kristine Rae of the East Division OPP said that approximately 34 tractor trailers were involved, along with a number of passenger vehicles. Tractor trailers and cars were seen strewn across the road Wednesday morning, hours after the initial crash. Four people were taken to the hospital by ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries, the OPP said.

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Extra! Extra! Jess Dobkin is the head of the Artists Newsstand, a new project that's converting a vacant newsstand at Chester Station into a performance space. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

Newsstand to become art space

Transformation. Vacant Chester station stand will become artists' performance area

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In a bid to start a conversation about how we get our news in the digital age, a group of Toronto artists are taking over a vacant newsstand at Chester Station and transforming it into a performance space.

"As more and more people consume news online, these physical spaces are becoming relics," said Jess Dobkin, who is leading the Artists Newsstand project.

"The newsstand is a symbol of that shift; it used to be a bustling hub for people to get and give information, but now they mostly sell concessions." Dobkin and her colleagues have secured a one-year lease on the former Gateway newsstand at Chester. The space has been vacant for at least six years, she said.

"Chester is one of the quieter stations in the TTC system," she said. "It's not necessarily attractive to someone who runs a business, but it is attractive to artists because we have a different set of interests."

The plan is to re-open the kiosk as a newsstand, but also sell artists' works and schedule regular performances.

"Projects happening in the space will speak directly to issues about the media, commuting and civic life," Dobkin said. "And in keeping with the theme of it being a newsstand, all of the work will be timely and of the moment." The newsstand will be staffed by the artists involved, as a way of funding their work.

Dobkin has recently launched a Kickstarter campaign to secure the funds needed to renovate the kiosk and book an opening slate of artists. At press time Wednesday, the project had already reached half of its $4,000 goal.

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"We're reimagining what a newsstand can be."

Jess Dobkin, a Toronto-based performance artist

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A police officer flies the Aeryon Scout in Halton, Ont. Halton police bought a drone in 2009, and since then, it has been used in about 50 missions. Inset: A drone's-eye view of the scene of an accident reconstruction. COURTESY AERYON LABS

'We don't just fly over homes at random'

Law enforcement. Worried about police using drones in Canada? Departments that use them say it's nothing to fret about

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Halton Regional Police in Ontario have used their drone to search for missing persons, probe collisions and investigate an armed robbery and homicide. In 2012, the Aeryon Scout, as their drone is named, helped officers find about $744,000 worth of marijuana that was growing on a farm.

Halton police first purchased a drone (or Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, as they are known in the industry) to use in their investigations in 2009, when it was still a relatively new technology in law enforcement. Since then, it has been used in 50 police missions, according to now-retired operation manager Det. Dave Banks.

"We don't just fly over homes at random," says Const. Andy Olesen. "Well, we can, and we don't."

Today, with many police forces in major cities in Canada using drones and the RCMP adding them to their arsenal of search-and-rescue tools, concerns have been growing over privacy and surveillance. Police are trying to calm the public's nerves.

Olesen says Halton police are very cautious about the use of its drone, given those concerns.

"We're very conscious of … what people's perception of it is, that it's a surveillance tool," he explains. "We don't want to make that any worse than it is."

Halton's Aeryon Scout is a black and white quadcopter remotely controlled with a tablet laptop using Google maps. It is relatively small and comes equipped with video and photo capabilities.

Olesen says Transport Canada regulations constrain where and how they can fly their UAV, and the drone itself offers physical limitations. It can only be flown in good weather, and its battery life leaves much to be desired, averaging about 15 to 20 minutes per charge.

"On the list of things we use it for, surveillance isn't even on our list, just because it's not practical," Olesen says.

"Down the road, (surveillance) might be possible," he says. "I think that'll happen."

Who patrols the patrollers? The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (OPC) has raised various concerns regarding drone use in law enforcement. Highlighted in a March 2013 report, the privacy watchdog has noted that "certain attributes can make (drones) a relatively covert form of surveillance."

Tobi Cohen, spokeswoman for the agency, tells Metro that current regulations do not address the sometimes wide gap that results from "issues related to purpose and the privacy implications of (drone) use."

"Current regulations governing drone operations have more to do with ensuring their safe flight and do little to address the privacy implications of having Canadian skies filled with hovering data-collecting robots," Cohen says.

When it comes to drones, people don't always know who is watching or what data they're collecting. This "can contribute to a lack of awareness and effective complaint mechanisms," Cohen says.

To that end, Cohen says, the OPC advises law enforcement to comply with their video-surveillance guidelines.

Among their recommendations, the OPC says law enforcement should use video surveillance in a way that minimizes invasion of privacy, hold public consultations and assess privacy impacts beforehand.

Drones beyond the law: Halifax lawyer David Fraser says the public shouldn't be worried as long as the proper regulatory framework is put in place.

It's a historical fact, Fraser says, that new technology will expand the collection of personal information, which can sometimes lead to what he calls a "techno-panic." He says privacy laws should be updated to reflect new behaviours that society finds unacceptable.

"You criminalize the behaviour and not the technology. Because it's really about the behaviour."

Fraser adds that drones do create a change in what's possible in terms of encroachment on privacy. For example, when living in a tall building, there is a higher expectation of privacy on higher floors. With drones, those heights will now be accessible to view.

"The question then becomes: does the introduction of drones change our expectations of privacy? Or should it?"

When drones are more intrusive on individual privacy, such as collecting information about individuals, "that's when it's worth having a good discussion about what our reasonable expectations are," Fraser says.

"That discussion should always be much more than, 'Oh, well, that's creepy,' because a discussion about what's creepy doesn't help."

Coast-to-coast roundup:

A look at some of the police departments using drones or considering them:

- **Toronto.** The Toronto Police Service does not deploy drones but has had demonstrations from a manufacturer.
- **Ottawa.** Although Ottawa police are not deploying drones right now, their Collisions Section is interested in their use for aerial surveys of large collisions or investigative scenes as well as for use in missing-persons searches.
- **Edmonton.** The Edmonton Police Service deploys a drone to take aerial photographs of accident scenes.
- **Vancouver.** The Vancouver Police Department does not use drones but is considering it for the future.
- **RCMP.** Various detachments nationwide have deployed drones for search-and-rescue missions as well as aerial photography of crash scenes.

Canadian Armed Forces

Canada has yet to use killer drones

While the United States continues to make headlines for their use of armed drones, Canada currently does not have them nor use them, according to a Department of National Defence spokesman. But that might change.

"We neither operate nor lease armed UAVs," says Daniel Blouin, but he adds armed drones "are being examined for future international operations."

"UAVs have unparalleled operating range and endurance," Blouin says. "If the pilot gets tired, you don't have to return to base and land; you can just swap a new one into the seat."

Blouin says the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) have used unarmed drones in overseas operations since 2003, stressing that the CAF only uses drones in what is called an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) capacity.

He adds the current model is limited in that it can't carry heavy loads, transport personnel or conduct air-to-air combat. Only one model is in active use by the CAF: the Scan Eagle.

Blouin says it is used by the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Navy frigates on international operations, most recently by HMCS Regina in an ISR capacity.

Education. Family of cuffed autistic boy wants answers

The family of a nine-year-old boy with autism who was handcuffed at school wants "full disclosure" of the records of their son's care.

Stephanie Huck and her husband have kept their son Daniel Ten Oever home since police handcuffed him last month to restrain him for acting out in the principal's office.

The family says it will not send the boy back to class until it sees all the facts — including the plans for his future care and staff training.

"He is autistic, so being out of his routine has caused great stress for him," Stephanie Huck told reporters on Parliament Hill on Wednesday. "The traumatic event of being handcuffed has also had a lasting impact on him and on his family as well."

Roch Longueépée, CEO of Restoring Dignity, the organization representing the family, said they have not ruled out a lawsuit against the Ottawa Catholic School Board. But that will depend on what's revealed in the records. They are starting a fund to raise money for the family's legal fees.

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Mexico

Canadian tourist slain on beach

A Canadian man has been found beaten to death on a beach at the Mexican resort of Los Cabos.

Prosecutors in the state of Baja California Sur say the 50-year-old man appears to have been beaten with a blunt object. The state prosecutors' office said Wednesday that the cause of death was severe head trauma and a skull fracture.

Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development declined to confirm the man's identity or hometown, or confirm the circumstances of the death. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Feds assess protests with a national 'risk forecast'

A woman protests on a national day of action against Bill C-51, the government's proposed anti-terrorism legislation, in Montreal on Saturday.
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Security. Meetings driven by feds' desire to plan for protests over environmental development projects

Use of social media, the spread of "citizen journalism" and the involvement of young people are among the key trends highlighted by a federal analysis of protest activity in Canada over the last half-decade.

A growing geographic reach and an apparent increase in protests that target infrastructure such as rail lines are also boosting the impact of demonstrations, says the Government Operations Centre analysis, obtained under the Access to Information Act.

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service included the spring 2014 risk forecast in materials prepared for two meetings of the deputy ministers' committee on resources and energy last April.

The meetings were driven by the federal government's desire to plan for protests that might happen in response to resource-development decisions on projects such as the Northern Gateway pipeline.

The newly released documents heighten fears about government anti-terrorism legislation that would allow much easier sharing of federally held information about people, said Josh Paterson, executive director of the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association.

The "notoriety and success" of civil-society efforts such as the Arab Spring, the aboriginal Idle No More movement, the Occupy protests and anti-pipeline demonstrations have inspired Canadian citizens to start grassroots initiatives and make their voices heard, the study notes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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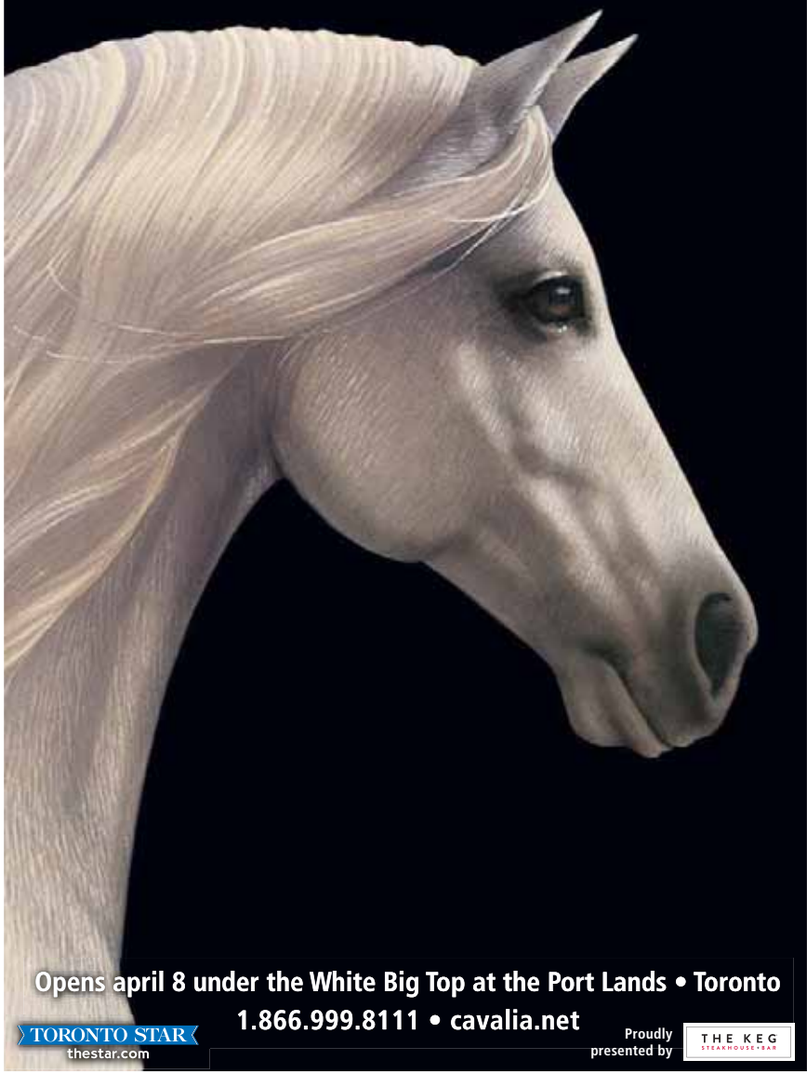

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First responders rescue a victim after gunmen opened fire at the Bardo museum in Tunisia's capital, Wednesday. Authorities say scores of people are dead after the attack on one of the country's major museums, while some of the gunmen may have escaped. ALI BEN SALAH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shooting leaves 20 dead, 50 wounded

Tunisia. Museum attack the worst act of violence on a tourist site since 2002

Gunmen opened fire Wednesday at a major museum in Tunisia's capital, killing at least 20 people in one of the worst attacks in this struggling North African democracy that depends heavily on tourism.

Men with assault rifles fired at tourists climbing from buses in front of the National Bardo Museum in Tunis near parliament, sending dozens sprinting for safety. Two gunmen were killed, but Prime Minister Habib Essid said a manhunt was on for two or three others.

The identity of the attackers wasn't clear. Twitter accounts associated with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) were described as overjoyed at the attack, urging Tunisians to "follow their brothers," according to Rita Katz of SITE, a U.S.-based organization that monitors militant groups.

About 50 people were wounded in the attack, which began after noon local time, Tunisian state television said.

Security forces immediately flooded the area around the museum. Tunisia's parliament building, where deputies were debating a new anti-terrorism law, was evacuated.

According to Essid, the dead include two gunmen, a Tunisian security officer and a Tunisian cleaning woman, while the rest were tourists from Italy, Poland, Germany and Spain.

Tunisia has struggled to keep extremist violence at bay since the overthrow of its dictator in 2011. The attack was the worst on a tourist site since an al-Qaida car bomb killed 21 people in 2002.

"Our nation is in danger," Essid warned in an address on national television Wednesday evening after the siege ended.

"We will be merciless in the defence of our country," he added, describing the attack as an unprecedented assault on Tunisia's economy. He promised increased security in tourist zones and asked residents to be on alert. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"We will be merciless in the defence of our country."

Habib Essid, prime minister of Tunisia

Israel. Netanyahu win leaves allies, foes on edge

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's strong showing in national elections this week has come with a price: he has managed to antagonize friends and foes alike with hard-line rhetoric on the campaign trail.

Trailing in opinion polls, Netanyahu took a sharp turn to the right in the final days of the campaign to shore up support among his core constituency.

He vowed to increase settlement construction in east Jerusalem, the Palestinians' would-be capital, and rejected the idea of a Palestinian state in current conditions.

In a last-ditch attempt to spur his supporters to the polls Tuesday, he warned that Arab citizens were voting "in droves" and endangering years of rule by his Likud Party.

In Washington, the Obama administration said Wednesday it was "deeply concerned" by the Likud's divisive language.

Netanyahu's controversial stance appears to have paid off at home. Thought to be in danger of being voted out of office just a few days ago, the Likud emerged as the largest party in parliament when near-final results trickled in Wednesday, leaving it in position to lead the next coalition government.

The Likud led the election by capturing 30 seats in the 120-member parliament, according to the results released Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sweden

Several wounded, dead following shooting at eatery

Several people were shot inside a restaurant in the city of Goteborg late Wednesday and some of have died, Swedish police said.

Police said in a statement that an automatic weapon is believed to have been used in the shooting and have no details on any suspects, but said an investigation was under way.

The shooting happened in an area of the city with a history of gang-related violence, police spokeswoman Ulla Brehm said, adding it's too early speculate a motive, but there are indications it was gang-related.

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Boatloads of catfish litter Chinese roadway

People use buckets to gather catfish spilled on a road in the city of Kaili, in southwest China's Guizhou province, earlier this week. About 6,800 kilograms of catfish were dumped onto the roadway when the door of a cargo truck accidentally opened Tuesday afternoon. Chinese media said firefighters and local residents were able to collect most of the fish in about two hours. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ex-astronaut thinks Mars plan won't fly

Space. Canadian says the technology simply isn't available

Former Canadian astronaut Julie Payette doesn't have very high hopes for the controversial one-way mission to send people to live on Mars.

Dutch-based Mars One wants to establish a colony on the red planet by 2025, and six Canadians are among the 100 finalists still in the running. The $6-billion project calls for the use of existing technology and would be funded through sponsors, private investors and a reality TV show.

But Payette said Wednesday that "nobody is going anywhere in 10 years.

"We don't have the technology to go to Mars, with everything we know today, so I don't think that a marketing company and a TV-type of selection is sending anybody anywhere," she said. "So, if you meet any of those people, don't tell them they're courageous because the only courage they had was to sign up on a website."

Ex-astronaut Julie Payette thinks people hoping for an out-of-this-world experience to Mars are out of their minds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Engineers at Boston-based MIT, who analyzed the feasibility of the mission, have also suggested new technology will be needed to keep humans alive once they get there.

Payette made her comments during a speech that opened a three-day aerospace symposium at the Montreal headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). ICAO has teamed up with the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) to discuss emerging space activities and civil aviation.

"We are going to go to space on a commercial basis, and it's at our doors," Payette said. "It's a reality that will become the norm in the next decades."

The 51-year-old urged those attending the symposium to work together "to make it happen in a safe, careful, efficient and intelligent manner."

Payette travelled into space twice — in 1999 and in 2009. She retired from the Canadian Space Agency in July 2013 to become chief operating officer of the Montreal Science Centre.

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Low-carbon economy in sight, report says

Climate change. Experts from all 10 provinces say weaning Canada off fossil fuels is within reach

Dozens of Canada's top scholars are urging a sweeping remake of how the country produces and uses its energy in a necessary effort to wean itself off fossil fuels.

A report by 59 scientists, economists, engineers, sociologists, architects and philosophers from all 10 provinces was released Wednesday ahead of December's climate meeting in Paris.

The report suggests emissions should be cut by up to 28 per cent over 2005 levels by 2025 and by 80 per cent by 2050. By 2035, Canada's entire electricity grid should be completely low-carbon. The good news, the scholars write, is that we're most of the way there.

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James Byrne, a University of Lethbridge climatologist, said more than 75 per cent of Canada's electricity grid is already low-carbon. All that it would take to go the rest of the way is better transmission capacity between adjoining provinces and some backstopping by renewable sources such as wind or solar.

The report brims with other proposals. Minimize energy use in building designs. Electrify public vehicles such as transit buses. Link major cities with high-speed rail. Upgrade fuel standards.

"It's going to cost us about one per cent of GDP," said Byrne. "But it's going to save us four or five times that in health and environmental costs."

Many of the ideas already exist elsewhere in Canada or the world. Applying them nationwide, said Byrne, would reduce greenhouse-gas emissions enough to more than cover growth areas such as Alberta's oilsands.

Low-carbon policies should be enacted as soon as possible, the report urges. Delays just open the door to more high-carbon energy and infrastructure projects that lock Canada into the status quo.

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Ahead of World Down Syndrome Day on Sunday, CTV News anchor Tamara Taggart tells Metro how her son has taught her more about the syndrome than the experts

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Left: Tamara Taggart says her son Beckett is perfect. Middle: Beckett celebrates his sixth birthday with dad Dave Genn, Taggart and sisters Poppy and Zoë. Right: Taggart and Beckett at Jericho Beach in Vancouver. ALL PHOTOS COURTESY TAMARA TAGGART

We found out that our son Beckett has Down syndrome when he was five days old and I'm not going to lie — it was devastating.

We were scared because we didn't know anything about Down syndrome. After seven years, it turns out Beckett has taught us much more about Down syndrome than any "expert." It's been a long journey for all of us.

When we were in the hospital and it was mentioned that Beckett should be tested for Trisomy 21, we started Googling "Down syndrome." I don't recommend this. Dr. Google is a jerk, and when you're scared in a hospital bed with hormones raging, you are incapable of filtering all the garbage out there. The outdated pictures and physical descriptions of people with Down syndrome are too much for a new mother holding her perfect baby.

Perfect? Yes. That's what I said. Beckett is perfect. He was the day he was born and he still is. But it's hard for some people outside of our family to understand this reality.

Others may look at us and feel sorry because our son has special needs, but we're not sorry at all. He's non-verbal, but he's making huge improvements. Toilet training is slow, he doesn't understand fear and he has a few health challenges — but it's nothing we can't handle.

From those frightening early days on Google, we've come so far and we've done it together.

We rarely think about Down syndrome now. Beckett is a typical boy and he is not defined by his challenges. He's funny, bright and loving.

Perhaps the biggest challenge of all is the public perception of this syndrome. There were many times that I felt rage over ignorant words or careless stereotypes some people would use to describe my son.

As a new parent, I was asked numerous times if I had "testing" when pregnant, as if people couldn't imagine I actually made the choice to keep a baby with Down syndrome.

Telling me that people with Down syndrome are always such happy people is ridiculous to me.

My son is happy because he is loved, not because he has an extra chromosome. It's another stereotype that's still out there.

And don't get me started on the R-word. You know the word I'm talking about because I'm sure you still hear it from time to time.

I hope you can understand that people who use this word are thoughtless and unimaginative.

Even describing my child as a "Down's kid" is insulting because he's so much more than that. Beckett is my son who happens to have Down syndrome; he is not defined by his extra chromosome any more than you are defined by the colour of your hair.

The beautiful gift of time is that all these things don't bother me so much anymore, although I'd love to see some of these perceptions change. But I'm solid. I know who Beckett is and what he has to offer the world.

When speaking with new parents, I always tell them the same thing: "Everything is going to be great, I promise." It's a promise they can count on.

If there's one thing I've learned, it's that I know it will all be OK.

Tamara Taggart is an award-winning news anchor on CTV News at 6 in Vancouver. She is married to music producer/guitarist Dave Genn of 54-40 and they have three children: Beckett, Zoë and Poppy

Men and women need to stop with breastfeeding shaming

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I can't believe I'm actually writing this column because this has been said so many times. But, given the recent breastfeeding-shaming incidents at a Winnipeg mall and on a United Airlines flight, I guess it needs to be said again:

Breastfeeding is not gross. It's natural, it's important and it's really difficult. So it's shocking to me that mothers are being shamed for doing it in public — and by other women.

I nursed my daughter for 12 months. Sometimes I covered up, sometimes I didn't, but I was always modest. It was painful and difficult, and I would have quit without the support of my husband. In that year, the only people who ever gave me a disgusted sideways look, or admitted openly to being offended or disgusted by public nursing, were women.

Somehow their judgment stung worse than it would have had it come from a man. I look to other women — and mothers — for support and understanding. Women seem to be perpetually apologizing for their bodies, and the fact that shame and judgment often comes from other women seems completely illogical.

Penny Van Esterik, an anthropologist at Toronto's York University and a breastfeeding researcher and author, says some women see breastfeeding as an in-your-face political statement or a way to shame mothers who bottle-fed their own children.

She pointed out that as we have become more of a bottle-feeding culture, several generations of women have become unfamiliar with nursing. This has made public breastfeeding — something that doesn't raise an eyebrow in much of the rest of in the world — seem foreign and inappropriate.

"Nurturing practices and customs are passed down from grandmother to mother and mother to daughter, and when those customs and support practices are disrupted, they are gone," said Van Esterik. "They are lost for women, but it's also a loss for men who don't know how to support their breastfeeding partners or where to look when they see other women breastfeeding in public because they haven't seen much breastfeeding.

"If someone responds with disgust to this basic nurturing practice, somehow society is at fault," she said. "Not to support a breastfeeding mother is to reject one of the most important nurturing practices in the world. We should all be celebrating it."

We place huge expectations and judgments on women and mothers. That judgment needs to stop, and the change needs to start with women.

That means not expecting moms to tuck themselves into a bathroom stall to feed their baby for 45 minutes because you are offended by the sight of boobs across the restaurant.

Breasts are not gross. Our babies' hunger is not gross. The milk our bodies make to feed our children is not gross. We need to hammer this point home again and again and again until not a single nursing mother feels she needs to turn away in shame.

Van Esterik said it best at the end of our interview when she gave a message to people — men or women — who have a problem with public breastfeeding: "Tell them to put a blanket over their own heads."

Recent incidents

- A Winnipeg mother recently accused a mall security officer of telling her to stop breastfeeding because it was "offensive."
- A woman on a United Airlines flight said a flight attendant threw a blanket at her husband when she started breastfeeding her son on a flight.

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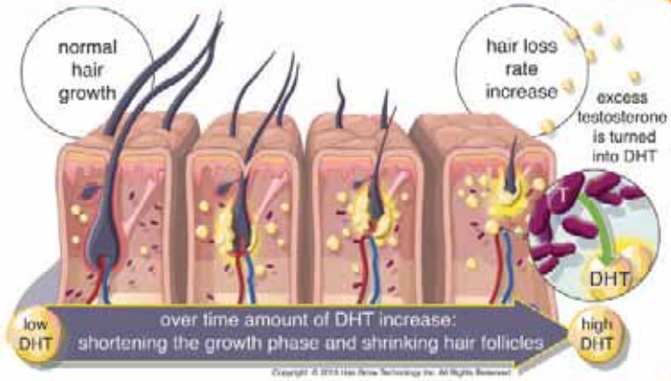
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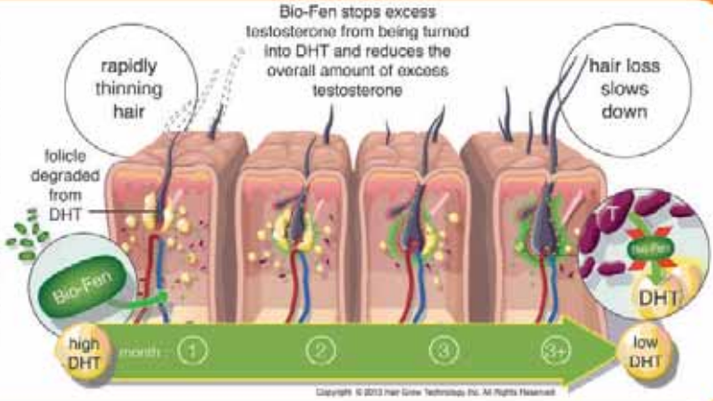
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Shailene's still not a feminist, still doesn't know what it means

Shailene Woodley. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Insurgent star Shailene Woodley is doubling down on her comments from last year that she's not a feminist. Only now she's not a feminist and she's also not *not* a feminist. If that makes any sense.

"The reason why I don't like to say that I am a feminist or I am not a feminist is because to me it's still a label. I do not want to be defined by one thing. Why do we have to have that label to divide us? We should all be able to embrace one another regardless of our belief system and regardless of the labels that we have put upon ourselves," she says.

Of course, she might change her tune if someone explained to her what feminism actually is, because her description, as told to Time in an interview last year, seems a little off: "I love men, and I think the idea of 'raise women to power, take the men away from the power' is never going to work out because you need balance," she says.

"I think that if men went down and women rose to power, that wouldn't work, either. We have to have a fine balance." You know, like equality.

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"I do not want to be defined by one thing. Why do we have to have that label to divide us?"

Shailene Woodley on why she's not a feminist

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METRO'S TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Kendall opens up about Bruce Jenner

I'm sure Kendall Jenner meant the best when she opened up about dad Bruce Jenner's rumoured ongoing transition, but her word choice isn't going to sit very well with the transgender community.

"He's a wonderful man. And just because he's changing shoes now, so to speak, doesn't make him less wonderful.

"I will always love my dad, whether he's a man or a woman," she tells Us Weekly, rather nonchalantly trivializing the whole transitioning experience, but, whatever.

Cue the backlash in 3, 2, 1...

Bristol Palin engaged to Dakota Meyer

The daughter of former Alaska governor and former GOP vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin said in a blog post Saturday that Meyer came to Alaska to film the Amazing America reality show with her mother last year. She says Meyer is wonderful with her son Tripp. Meyer was awarded the Medal of Honor in 2011.

The Kentucky native is credited with saving the lives of 36 Marines, Army soldiers and Afghan soldiers while providing cover for them to find their way out of a firefight with the Taliban. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More Katie Holmes and Jamie Foxx dating rumours

Can't two incredibly attractive, wealthy and famous grown-ups just be good friends without everyone speculating that they're an item? Apparently not, if it's Katie Holmes and Jamie Foxx, who've been dodging dating rumours for more than a year. Of course, it doesn't help that Us Weekly found a photo of the two from February that shows them holding hands, playing footsie and being rather couple-ish.

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Music. Mary J. Blige just one of many acts rivalling the big Austin arts fest

Mary J. Blige performed for a feverish crowd Tuesday night at the Samsung Supper Club in Austin, in an event not sponsored by South by Southwest. It's another sign of unofficial concerts rivalling the festival when it comes to pulling big-name acts.

Iggy Azalea, D'Angelo and Nick Jonas are some of the other top acts at events unrelated to the festival.

Blige is no dancer, but the performer moved energetically at the show, even imitating Michael Jackson's dance moves during her funky hit, Just Fine.

She kicked off her set with Enough Cryin' — which features her rapping as her alter ego Brook-Lynn — and she continued with the up-tempo anthem, The One.

She moved like a pro, though there was water dripping from the covered ceiling on the venue's rooftop. She managed to manoeuvre in heels and an ab-revealing crop top.

"Go Mary. Go Mary," the crowd, who attended a seated dinner prior to the performance, yelled loudly. Blige's husband, Kendu Isaacs, filmed her performance with his phone while Orange Is the New Black actress Danielle Brooks, music manager Kevin Liles and track and field Olympian Sanya Richards-Ross — along with her NFL husband Aaron Ross — sang and danced along.

"Where the My Life fans at?" the 44-year-old Blige asked, referring to her classic 1994 sophomore album. She followed with songs from that album, including Be Happy and You Bring Me Joy. She also performed other hits from the past, including Real Love and You Remind Me from her debut album, 1992's What's the 411?

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Mary J. Blige on Tuesday performed at an Austin concert not sponsored by SXSW. GETTY IMAGES

What Sally says about ageism and sexism

SXSW. In Austin at the premiere of her latest film, actress reflects on the limited roles for 'women of age'

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Sally Field wowed audiences at SXSW with her star turn in director Michael Showalter's delightful Hello My Name is Doris, playing an earnest wallflower who becomes the toast of Brooklyn hipster culture.

It's a delightful, comic role, and while Field got her start in comedy, lately she's been leaning more toward dramatic work. But, Field is quick to point out, that's not at all voluntary.

"How many times do I get offered comedic scripts? It isn't even that. How many times do I get offered anything worth considering, be it comedic or serious or anything? Welcome to the world," Field tells Metro.

"There's an ageism thing all over the place. Certainly it isn't just about comedy and it isn't just about Hollywood," she explains. "It's certainly illustrated in Hollywood, but there's a dearth ... of roles for women. And no roles for women of age that aren't just simply about being old, you know? It's not about your life or stages of life. So to find something like Doris that's just so unique, that's really about people in different stages of their life who become friends, is wonderful."

Actress Sally Field arrives at the premiere of Hello, My Name Is Doris during the SXSW Festival in Austin, Texas. GETTY IMAGES

Perception is everything

Are the offers just not in her Field?

While Doris director Michael Showalter agrees with Field's assessment of opportunities for female actors, he thinks his star might be overlooking one crucial mitigating factor when it comes to analyzing the offers she's receiving.

"I bet, too, with her there's people that wouldn't even consider (offering her a role)," he says. "They'd be like, 'Well she won't do it.' I'll bet there's an element of that. That she would seem unattainable."

For the record, Ms. Field would like everyone to know that she is in fact attainable — assuming the script is good enough.

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Author Leslea Newman wrote the book Heather Has Two Mommies 25 years ago. It became a cultural and legal flashpoint. Newman has updated the book with fresh illustrations from a new artist.

Looking back on 25 years of two mommies

Society. A picture book about lesbian moms caused uproar when it hit libraries — now it's getting a redesign and reprint

A playful picture book about a little girl named Heather and her two happy mommies was a cultural and legal flashpoint 25 years ago, angering conservatives over the morality of same-sex parenting and landing libraries at the centre of community battles over placement in the children's stacks.

Today, Heather — of Heather Has Two Mommies — has a lot more company in books for young kids about different kinds of families, but hers was out of print and visually dated. That's why creator Leslea Newman decided on a new version, with fresh illustrations from a new artist and tweaking the text. The latest edition, out this month, is from Candlewick Press.

Newman wrote the story in 1988 after a chance encounter in Northampton with Amy Jacobson, a lesbian mom who was looking for reading material that better reflected her life with her partner — now wife — and their young daughter.

Newman, a full-time writer and poet at the time, chronicles Heather's love of all things "two," including her moms, one a doctor and the other a carpenter. When Heather joins a home-based play group — changed to "school" in the new version — she is saddened when teacher Molly reads the children a story at nap time focused on a daddy.

The process of getting Heather published in 1989 was a slow one. There were about 50 turndowns. That's why she co-published the book with a friend who had a desktop printing business.

Soon, writer and businessman Sasha Alyson came knocking. He had just put out another picture book, Daddy's Roommate, about a divorced father who lives with his same-sex partner, when he spotted Heather in a Cambridge, Mass., bookshop and offered to take it on. Heather quickly took off and the repercussions — for both Newman's book and Daddy's Roommate by Michael Willhoite — were big.

Both books landed at the centre of a federal court battle in Wichita Falls, Texas, after opponents demanded them moved to the adult shelf. A judge deemed the effort unconstitutional. Newman said it was banned, burned and even defecated upon by a library patron in Ohio. It was among the nation's most challenged books in libraries in the 1990s.

"It's the book that brought to the forefront the issues, the conflicts, over what materials concerning GLBT identity, lifestyles should be available to young kids," said Deborah Caldwell-Stone, deputy director for the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom in Chicago.

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Controversy

Picture books that prompt protests

Opposition to Heather Has Two Mommies and Daddy's Roommate in New York City, primarily among members of one local school board in Queens, contributed to the downfall of schools chancellor Joseph Fernandez. He had defended them as optional reading for elementary school classrooms in a broader Children of the Rainbow curriculum intended to encourage teachers to better embrace diversity. In Wichita Falls, Texas, Dr. Robert Jeffress, pastor of the First Baptist Church, waved them around during a sermon on Sodom and Gomorrah and blasted them as anti-God and unsuitable for children. He and other opponents took to checking the books out of the local library without return, only to have supporters drop off new copies for loan.

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Beyond Beverly Hills bad girl

Interview. Shannen Doherty comes to ComiCon this weekend

Shannen Doherty says she'd be up for starring in a scripted TV series again. GETTY IMAGES

Jason Priestley wrote about fellow Beverly Hills, 90210 alum Shannen Doherty in his tell-all memoir, but don't expect her to do the same.

Doherty, who will attend Toronto ComiCon this weekend, admits she "lived too publicly" in her 20s and now enjoys a "very private" life.

As such, she wouldn't want to spill details about her family members, friends or co-stars in book form, says the actress.

"I've always felt that memoirs should be about yourself and not about others, because personally, I just find it to be rude to write bad things about other people," says Doherty, 43, in a telephone interview.

"But that goes to an old saying that my mom raised me with, which is, 'If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all.'

"I always think, even if I worked with someone, I have no idea what they were personally going through during that time period, so who am I to judge someone else?'"

Doherty adds that she's always viewed a TV or film set "as a very, very, very private sanctuary."

"I take that Vegas phrase, 'What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas' and I apply it to a set. Not everybody does, and that's fine."

In last year's Jason Priestley: A Memoir, the Vancouver-born actor-director writes of some diva-type behaviour from Doherty during their days on Beverly Hills, 90210 in the '90s.

Doherty says she hasn't read the book, but notes that Priestley recently reached out to her to make amends and she wishes him the best: "I adore him, I think he's great, I think he's talented."

She says she's seen several fans of her Charmed TV series at such conventions with the show's symbol tattooed on their bodies.

She's also seen a fan with a back tattoo of her face.

"I was like, 'Wow, thank God they got it while I still looked really good,'" Doherty says with a laugh.

She says she would like to star on a scripted TV series again, but it would have to be a role she could stand to play for several years — unlike her character Brenda Walsh from Beverly Hills, 90210.

"When Brenda changed and became sort of bratty, I started hating her," says Doherty.

"I was miserable playing her after a while. I was like, 'God, there's just so much angst and drama in this girl's life.'"

Doherty left Beverly Hills, 90210 after the fourth season.

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If you go...

- **Toronto ComiCon.** Runs Friday through Sunday at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.
- Doherty, who starred in the 1998 movie Heathers with Winona Ryder, right, will appear at Fan Expo Vancouver (April 3-5) and Fan Expo Regina (April 25-26).

Interview. Nigel Barker heaps praise on Canadian model Coco Rocha

In Nigel Barker's profiles of models that helped shape the fashion industry, a cluster of Canadians make the cut — and Coco Rocha ranks high on the photographer's list.

"I'm a big fan of Coco," Barker said of the Toronto-born, Richmond, B.C.-raised Rocha, one of 50 famous faces featured in his new book Models of Influence (Harper Design).

"I believe that she will be seen as a supermodel of the era when we look back because of many things. Not just the fact that she's successful and she has many magazine covers and all the rest of it, but really how she's utilized social media — one of the very first models to understand that medium."

Barker, host of modelling competition series The Face, said social media has played a pivotal role in further propelling the careers of models and other celebrities, translating to appearances in high-profile campaigns and fashion editorials.

"The designers and the editors and the photographers see who has the most likes, and hence, Kim Kardashian (and) Kanye West on the cover of Vogue; Kate Upton on the cover of Vanity Fair," said the former America's Next Top Model judge. "You can say it may not just be that, but I think we all know it's playing a large part."

Nigel Barker
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Barker draws on the archives of leading fashion photographers — including the late Richard Avedon, Irving Penn and Herb Ritts — for images to illustrate his profiles of noteworthy female models from the 1940s to the present.

Among those featured are one-name wonders Iman and Twiggy, '70s stars Jerry Hall and Lauren Hutton, supermodels Tyra Banks, Cindy Crawford and Naomi Campbell and modern-day phenoms Gisele Bündchen and Cara Delevingne.

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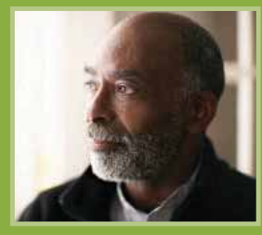

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Those pilfered, captioned and shared photos that make us either cringe, rage or laugh out loud are as old as the Internet itself, but in these wild online times, is there any recourse for their victims?

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Chris Meloni a.k.a Detective Stabler

Some irreverent Law & Order: SVU fans have taken on the noble task of making star Chris Meloni a star by posting odd and ridiculous photos of the actor and captioning it simply with "These are their stories," the tag on the opening narration on the show. The results are simple, bizarre and utterly delightful. Also, apparently Meloni really likes to stretch while on set. That guy is flexible. NED EHRBAR/METRO

Bad Luck Brian

Kyle Craven and his gaudy sweater became the face of early teen awkwardness and general misfortune known as Bad Luck Brian when a friend uploaded a yearbook photo outtake to Facebook. Now in his mid-20s with years of internet culture conventions behind him, Carver says the ghastly shot was a deliberate sabotage, telling the Washington Post "Picture days were always fun days for me."ANDREW FIFIELD/METRO

Overly Attached Girlfriend

Unlike her web culture colleagues, Laina Morris willingly jumped into the deep end of the meme pond when she created Overly Attached Girlfriend – a deeply committed romantic partner who whispers her creepy sweet nothings with wide-eyed intensity. ANDREW FIFIELD/METRO

Memes, by definition viral little beasties, are everywhere, sometimes building over several years. And they have many heads — shaming wrongdoers, bullying innocents and poking fun at an awkward facial expression, twerk attempt, family portrait or school photo.

"When one of these mobs fixes on you it's like a Lovecraftian horror," said James Grimmelmann, a professor at the University of Maryland who specializes in Internet law. "Only madness awaits. It can be beyond the power of individuals to do a lot about it.''

Kyra Pringle knows that firsthand.

The South Carolina mother of a two-year-old with a grim life expectancy from a rare genetic disorder happily posted a picture on Facebook from her daughter's recent birthday, only to have the image rudely captioned and spread — sometimes gruesomely Photoshopped — thousands of times and her ill child compared to a monster, alien and leprechaun due to her unique facial features.

"This is bullying. This is not right. She's fought for her life since she got here," Pringle told NBC affiliate WCBD-TV near her Summerville home. "She's not a monster. She's not fake. She's real. She's here."

Private companies that own social media streams and channels juggle a broad range of take-down demands and other content issues such as copyright infringement, high-stakes privacy invasion and online harassment. But it can be difficult to eradicate viral content like photo memes altogether.

"We don't tolerate bullying or harassment on Facebook and Instagram, and remove content that appears to purposefully target people with the intention of degrading or shaming them," the company said in an email when asked about memes.

While community standards and guidelines do exist on many sites, including newly spelled-out rules on Facebook, routine photo meming may not include outright threats, hate speech or behaviour that draws the attention of those in charge, such as a pattern of stalking or harassment targeting individuals identified by name, location or through other revealing details or leaks of Social Security numbers, phone numbers and street addresses, some Internet watchers said.

"It's not that there isn't an ethical problem, and a real problem as a society we should wrestle with, but law just wouldn't intervene and the First Amendment would say we don't stop it,'' said Danielle Keats Citron, a research professor of law at the University of Maryland and author of the book Hate Crimes in Cyberspace, out Sept. 22 from Harvard University Press.

Not all photo meming is tragic and not all sharers are evil-doers. Some subjects or initiators take it as good fun, embracing — or trying to, at least — their accidental Internet celebrity.

Quoted

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James Grimmelmann, a professor University of Maryland professor
on the spread of memes

After Kasey Woods put up a photo of her daughter in an Afro wig, the image become a popular meme.
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Nearly three years ago, Kasey Woods in Waldorf, Maryland, put up a photo of her smiley baby daughter in a pink top and huge Afro wig that was left over from Halloween. Woods posted it first to Facebook, when her page was set to public, then put the same image on her public Instagram feed a year later.

Friends started alerting her last year that the photo was catching on. It continues to pop up at least two or three times a week somewhere, including one version with a caption that reads: "Have a Blacknificent Day."

The image has been liked, shared and commented upon several thousand times. Some comments Woods has read have not been kind and she has since locked down her Facebook page.

"Some people are bashing me for being a bad mother because they think that's her hair every day. It's pretty intense with, 'What kind of mother would put a child in a wig?' and this and that," she said. "I'm taking it well because her name wasn't attached to it."

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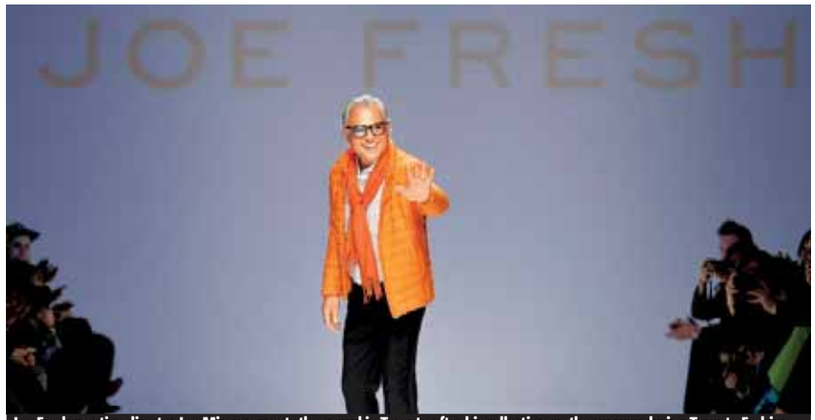
Joe exits the catwalk, enters the den

Fashion. A look back at the nearly 10 years of Joe Fresh as its namesake creator steps down from the brand



Joe Fresh creative director Joe Mimran greets the crowd in Toronto after his collection on the runway during Toronto Fashion Week in March 2014. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Joe Mimran surprised the fashion and world this week by stepping down from the famed label that bears his name. Here's a look at five noteworthy moments in the life of the affordable apparel brand.

Joe Fresh drops "Style" from brand name

When the label launched in 2006 with men's and women clothing, it was introduced by parent company Loblaw as Joe Fresh Style. The low-priced lined was initially only available at select Superstores. The brand continued to evolve, introducing children's wear in 2007, cosmetics in 2009 and its first stand-alone store in Vancouver in 2010. As the fast-growing brand forged forward, the label dropped "Style" from its official moniker in 2011.

Marquee models on the runway

Prior to pulling the plug on runway presentations last fall, Joe Fresh shows at Toronto's World MasterCard Fashion Week were among the biggest draws on the event's calendar.

The label generated big buzz by enlisting some of the fashion industry's top talents to take part. In 2008, Toronto-born, Richmond B.C.-raised supermodel Coco Rocha was 19 when she made her Canadian debut on the Joe Fresh runway to cheers and applause. American model Crystal Renn also made a splash walking for Joe Fresh, as did strutting fashion legend Pat Cleveland.

Scouts Canada Style Redesign

Scouts Canada uniforms got a Fresh makeover for the first time in two decades when the label partnered with Canada's largest youth organization to revamp its official ensembles in 2011.

The redesign was a collaborative process between the two camps, in addition to consultations with thousands of Scouts members. Canadian flags were featured in the retooled design, which also saw the emergence of spruced-up colours and the elimination of badges on sashes for Cubs and Scouts, who now wear the symbols of achievement on their sleeves.

Bangladesh factory collapse

The production practices of Joe Fresh and other brands were in the spotlight following the fatal building collapse in Dhaka, Bangladesh, which claimed more than 1,100 lives.

Items carried by the Canadian label were among those produced within the illegally constructed Rana Plaza.

In the aftermath of the 2013 tragedy, Loblaw provided financial compensation to workers and contributed $1 million to Save the Children Bangladesh and the Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralysed, in support of programming for workers in the garment industry.

Loblaw also teamed with several retailers in signing an agreement to improve fire and building safety in Bangladesh. The pact required the companies conduct independent safety inspections, make their reports on factory conditions public and cover expenses for needed repairs.

Joe goes global

The label has grown well beyond its supermarket origins. Joe Fresh is available in more than 340 retail locations, and also operates six freestanding stores in the U.S.

The brand opened its first storefront outside North America with a flagship in Seoul which launched last year.

The rollout in Korea is part of a four-year plan to launch 141 Joe Fresh stores in 23 countries.

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Crystal Renn and Pat Cleveland model Joe Fresh ensembles. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

New outfit

Mimran welcomed to Dragons' Den

CBC says the fashion retail giant will be one of the next batch of business bosses fielding pitches on the reality series. Mimran has been behind formidable brands including Joe Fresh, Club Monaco, Alfred Sung, and — with his wife, Kimberley Newport-Mimran — Pink Tartan.

The new season of the show, which airs Wednesdays on CBC, starts this fall.

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Bra shopping dos and don'ts everyone should know

Tips. Bra shopping can be challenging at the best of times and key pointers can help you find the right fit

Lingerie mogul Michelle Lam says the band of a bra should always sit horizontally all the way around the torso. ISTOCK

It's no secret that most women are wearing the wrong bra size.

A now-famous study by lingerie manufacturer Wacoal found that a whopping 80 per cent of ladies aren't getting the support they need from their undergarments.

So what's a gal to do?

Bra expert Jené Luciani, who also penned The Bra Book, says it's all about being an educated consumer.

"Many women head into a store, rely on the salesperson completely, don't have any clue what they did to come to their conclusion, and then walk out with a bunch of bras that they feel totally uncomfortable and unhappy with," Luciani tells Metro.

"Another common mistake is not having any information, not wanting to get fitted, and just grabbing things off the rack in the size you've worn for the last 10 years, which is a recipe for unhappiness."

Luciani drives home the fact that women don't stay the same bra size their whole life.

Pregnancies, weight gain or weight loss, and menopause are among the many factors that contribute to fluctuating breast size. This is why her rule of thumb is to get fitted every six months to a year.

"There are also little clues to look out for when you're bra shopping," Luciani adds.

"For instance, the bridge, which is the piece between the cups, is supposed to fit flush against your rib cage. So your breasts are supposed to be two separate breasts encased in each cup with that middle piece sitting flat against your rib cage."

In other words, if there's a gap between your skin and the fabric, you probably need to go up a cup size or two.

Bra care

How often do you wash your bras? According to Jené Luciani, they really should get thrown in the hamper after each use.

- "The dirt and oils in our skin really break down the elasticity of the fabric," says Luciani, who adds that handwashing them is ideal.
- If washing your bras by hand doesn't fit into your lifestyle, she recommends tossing them in a little mesh garment bag before putting them in the washing machine. Since parts of the bra can snag in the machine, this is the best way to protect them.

Looking for other killer tips for finding the best-fitting bra?

Lingerie mogul Michelle Lam, founder of True&Co., weighs in with her favourite advice:

Check the bands. "Look at whether the band sits horizontally all the way around the torso when the shoulder straps are comfortably taut. It shouldn't ride up the back."

Look at how your breasts sit in the cups. "There should be no space between the breast and the cup, and no extra overflow at the cleavage line or near the armpits."

Remember that your body changes over time, so be willing to try new sizes and styles. "Ultimately, you shouldn't feel your bra on your body. Pinched areas and loose straps are an indication of an ill-fitting bra. It should be comfortably supportive and taut on every surface."

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Jess Glynne JESS GLYNNE/BENCH

Jess Glynne is the new face of Bench

British active clothing brand Bench has signed Grammy-award winner Jess Glynne as its brand ambassador. The announcement coincides with the launch of Glynne's new album, with the singer scheduled to give a live performance at the official opening party for the new Bench Munich showroom on April 29.

British singer Glynne was awarded her Grammy in February this year for Rather Be with Clean Bandit and was also nominated for three BRIT Awards.

Commenting on the partnership, Bench Chairman & CEO Bruno Salzer said, "Jess Glynne is young, modern, urban, stylish and the perfect match for Bench." AFP

Television

Fashion Police on hiatus

E network has confirmed an imposed break on its series Fashion Police, following a troubled period and string of departures from the show. The series, which was expected to resume its episodes with co-hosts Giuliana Rancic and Brad Goreski as the panel on March 31, is now on hiatus until September, according to a statement by E network (via Variety).

The decision to halt Fashion Police follows the abrupt departure of Kathy Griffin from the panel, and co-host Kelly Osbourne, who also left amidst backlash from Rancic's controversial comments on Feb. 23 about actress Zendaya. AFP

Fashion Police host Brad Goreski. AFP

CFDA. Betsey Johnson to receive lifetime award

Betsey Johnson goes into a split after doing a cartwheel on the runway after her Spring 2013 collection show during Fashion Week in New York. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Betsey Johnson will receive a lifetime achievement award from the Council of Fashion Designers of America.

Fellow designer Diane von Furstenberg, president of the fashion industry trade association, and Nadja Swarovski of the Swarovksi Group announced the selection Monday night, along with other nominees and honourees for the 2015 CFDA awards, to be presented June 1 at Lincoln Center.

Tom Ford was last year's recipient of the CFDA's Geoffrey Beene Lifetime Achievement Award.

Johnson is being honoured during her 50th year in fashion. She started her whimsical label in 1978, expanding in 2004 as a lifestyle brand encompassing handbags, leather goods, footwear, eyewear, luggage, fragrances and jewelry.

Johnson is known for an eternally youthful vibe, including poofy prom dresses, a vintage sensibility and bright colour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trends Report online

Canadian singer Lights' Juno dress was as eye-catching as they can get. Go online to Trends Report to see the striking look she wore that caused #underb00b to trend on Twitter, and had people either loving or hating her outfit.

- **Online.** Metronews.ca/trends-report
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Lights poses on the red carpet during the 2015 Juno Awards in Hamilton, Ont., on March 15, 2015. PETER POWER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Here's to redefining pizza night

Dinner. Portabella Cap Pizzas and Garlic Knots will make you rethink calling the delivery place you have on speed-dial

This recipe serves two to four people. MOLLY GILBERT

"This (take on pizza) is a fresh and healthy (traditional crustless) version, which happens to be vegetarian to boot," writes Molly Gilbert in Sheet Pan Suppers. "Bright Mediterranean flavours in the form of artichokes, tomatoes, garlic, and goat cheese come together atop tender, meaty portabella mushroom caps, the result of which should please meatless friends and carnivores alike.

"Plus we're throwing in some garlic knots!"

Ingredients

- 4 large portabella mushrooms, wiped of dirt, stemmed
- Kosher salt
- 3/4 cup chopped, drained jarred or canned artichoke hearts
- 1 cup chopped tomato
- 4 oz goat cheese, crumbled
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Crushed red pepper flakes
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp minced fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 1 tube (8 oz) refrigerated crescent rolls

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F with a rack in the centre position. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper.

2. Place the portabellas top down and evenly spaced on the prepared sheet pan, making sure to leave room on the perimeter and in between for the garlic knots. Sprinkle the mushrooms with a pinch of salt. Pile the artichokes, tomatoes, goat cheese, and Parmesan on top of the portabellas, dividing the toppings evenly. Season them with the garlic powder, oregano, and a pinch each of black pepper and red pepper flakes.

3. Combine the garlic, olive oil, and parsley in a small bowl. Open the crescent rolls and cut them apart into triangles where they're scored. Working with one dough triangle at a time, tie the piece of dough in a loose knot, tucking the ends under the knot. Arrange the knots on the sheet pan around the portabellas, leaving a bit of space between knots. Brush each knot generously with the garlic mixture.

4. Bake the portabellas and knots until the portabellas are tender, the cheese has browned and melted, and the garlic knots are golden, 20 minutes. If your portabellas are particularly fat, remove the garlic knots from the pan and let the mushrooms cook until tender, an additional 5 to 10 minutes.

5. Serve the pizzas and garlic knots hot from the oven. **RECIPE EXCERPTED FROM SHEET PAN SUPPERS BY MOLLY GILBERT (WORKMAN PUBLISHING). COPYRIGHT © 2014.**

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Complications of non-residency

LEGAL MATTERS
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My daughter currently lives and works in Australia and has been granted citizenship but retains her Canadian citizenship. She is thinking of buying a small condo because she eventually plans to come back to Canada and settle here and would like have some place to live when she arrives. She is also looking at property in the city as a good investment with reports of solid returns on the value of Canadian property. I would be around to look after the property while she was not here (rental) but she is concerned that there may be a lot of hurdles and taxes for someone who is not a Canadian resident buying property. Can she buy under her own name? What do we have to do to make sure things will run smoothly in her absence?

A significant portion of people purchasing condos in Canada are non-resident. They are purchasing for many reasons but the basic rule is that almost anyone can own Canadian property in their name: It is the management and disposition of the property that becomes complicated. If you have the funds, you can buy whatever you can afford from anywhere in the world (with a few exceptions). There are however a few things to think about:

1. You should put in place a valid and properly drafted power of attorney so that your property can be easily purchased and managed (if you are counting on Canadian financing, you will have problems using a power of attorney for the purchase).

2. If the property is not considered your primary residence then capital gains tax will apply to the increase in the value of the property (roughly 25 per cent of the increase in value).

3. It is when you sell the property that things become complicated because if your daughter still lives in Australia there will be fairly complex tax attribution rules and clearance certificates that need to be obtained. Basically, buying is no issue. Selling can be a pain.

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Bye brownstones, hello condos

New neighbourhood. Alexandra Park area is major new downtown hot spot in the making

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A new neighbourhood rises from a neglected corner of Queen Street West in what may be Toronto's best-kept real estate secret. The neighbourhood surrounding Alexandra Park near Spadina and Queen will be home to several new condo developments as well as a host of major new retail, dining and recreational options.

Toronto real estate agent, Ralph Fox alludes to what investors call the Starbucks factor. "When you had Starbucks open at the corner of King and Bathurst, it really was a sign of things changing," he says.

The area has long been the site of an aging public housing infrastructure and rows of ramshackle brownstone townhouses. "Most people still have a negative view of that area, but that's stale-dated," says Fox. In addition to Brad Lamb's Harlowe project and the boutique Origami lofts, Fox says, "You've got the behemoth Tridel project which is essentially going to change the entire neighbourhood from the ground up."

The entire revitalization of Alexandra Park will eventually stretch from Queen Street as far north as Dundas. A series of old townhouses will be demolished to make way for the new project.

The community master plan includes two residential condominium buildings with a total of 1,540 suites. The first of the two projects will be Tridel's contemporary SQ condos designed by Teeple Architects. The first phase of the five-year project is estimated to complete in early 2019.

"For us, it was all about where this community is and its relationship to key things that people want that are close to their home. That was the big appeal for us to come to this community," says Tridel VP, Jim Ritchie.

Tridel's SQ condominiums, the first of two buildings in their Alexandra Park project, is designed by Teeple Architects and will include 5,700 square metres of new retail space and a new public park. CONTRIBUTED

In addition to the new units, the area will see the addition of 5,700 square metres of new retail space, a new public park, new basketball courts, a larger community centre and measures to integrate Alexandra Park more fully into the surrounding area. Several major retailers are opening up, including a large Loblaws and Joe Fresh stores, a CB2 showroom, and a Winners store.

"It's really an amazing area that's just primed to take off." says Fox. With a transit score of 100 and a walk score of 99, he sees this area as the next big thing for would-be investors. "We walked into the Tridel showroom just to see first-hand what they had going on, and it's almost like a secret that's happening in the city — nobody's really talking about this."

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Art Shoppe mixes lofts with tower

The Art Shoppe Lofts + Condos at Yonge and Eglinton. CONTRIBUTED

Meet the condo

- **What.** Art Shoppe Lofts + Condos
- **Builder.** Freed Developments and CD Capital Developments
- **Location.** 2131 Yonge St
- **Building.** 28-storey tower and 12-storey podium
- **Pricing.** From the $200,000s to $2M
- **Status.** Pre-registration, pre-construction
- **Suites.** Bachelor, one bedroom and two bedroom plus den
- **Occupancy.** 2019
- **Website.** artshoppecondos.com

The project overview

The firm of architects-Alliance is behind the contemporary design of the Art Shoppe, a mixed-use, commercial-residential building coming to 2131 Yonge St. The project includes a 28-storey tower which steps down to a loft-style 12-storey podium.

Location and transit

Yonge and Eglinton is considered to be one of the hottest places to live downtown. It's a fast commute to the core with a transit score of 95. There are over 50 local bus routes, and the new Eglinton Crosstown LRT will be right outside.

Building amenities

There's an outdoor pool and hot tub, a rooftop lounge with barbecue and dining areas and a fitness centre with weight and cardio equipment. There's also a landscaped rooftop tranquility garden and a party room with chef's kitchen, bar and dining areas.

In the neighbourhood

With a walk score of 98, everything is a short distance away, including a wide range of shops, cafés, restaurants, bars and museums. The Eglinton and Oriole Parks are only a short distance away and the building is surrounded by excellent schools.

Home improvement

Renovation pros recognized at annual awards

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President and CEO of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) can be found at twitter.com/bildgta, facebook.com/bildgta, and bildblogs.ca.

The renovation industry is a major economic engine in our region, creating about 100,000 new jobs each year — even more than new construction. This is why our association celebrates the exceptional work of our renovator members at the annual Renovation and Custom Home Awards.

Last Friday, our members gathered at the Allstream Centre at Exhibition Place to recognize the best of the best when it comes to renovating and building custom homes. The awards were handed out in eight distinct categories broken down by price range, as well as Renovator of the Year and Best Condo Renovation.

Cohn Construction Ltd. was presented with the prestigious Renovator of the Year award, bestowed upon the company which sets the standard for the rest of the sector in their leadership and commitment to customer service, as well as contributing to the overall image of the renovation industry.

The company is run by Frank Cohn, who has been an industry champion for several decades. He has been an active supporter of the RenoMark program for many years, often referencing it on his popular radio show on Newstalk 1010. Frank's commitment to RenoMark and hiring professional renovators has been a great service for the renovation industry, making his company an ideal recipient of this award.

The company is a repeat recipient, having won this prestigious award twice before in 2001 and 2007.

The Best Condominium Renovation was awarded to Carick Home Improvements for turning an old and tired condo into an open, airy, contemporary space. By opening up the walls in the kitchen and raising the ceilings, the home is now larger and the space a lot more functional.

I am proud of our members for their commitment to excellence, and congratulate them on their awards. For a full list of recipients, visit reno-mark.ca and navigate to the GTA section.

What's hot on the condo market

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Rooftop Party: Liv Lofts condominiums is hosting an event at 75 The Donway W., at the Shops at Don Mills. Head over there for some fun and incentives on March 22 from 12 to 2 p.m.

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3. Forest Hill

Preview Opening: Zigg condos at 223 St. Clair W., in Forest Hill will be offering preview incentives on their terraced suites next to transit. Visit the sales office at 90 Eglinton Ave. E.

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4. Casa Loma

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This Ping-Pong table is a new spring addition to Restoration Hardware's outdoor collection.
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Putting a fresh spin on concrete

Decor. Concrete gains new ground as a decorative material

The Pantheon. The Panama Canal. The Hoover Dam.

When you think of concrete, you might imagine great feats of engineering, or at least highway overpasses and other sturdy, stolid structures.

But concrete has become a stylish medium in the home, thanks to interior designers and artisans.

Homemade

"Concrete is such an amazing and cheap material. I can get an 80-pound bag from Home Depot and turn it into tables, vases and planters without using power tools," says Boston-based designer Ben Oyeda, who offers instructions for several projects on his website, homemade-modern.com.

Oyeda uses Lego blocks to make the moulds for his tables; his pendant fixtures start with plastic bottles.

"Working with concrete has changed the way I see waste," he says. "Every plastic bottle or box has the potential to be used as a mould for making a concrete object."

Inlaid slabs

Eric Boyd of Charlotte, N.C., makes creative countertops by mixing concrete with other materials.

Aggregate additions such as recycled glass or semi-precious stones give the concrete a terrazzo look, and he hones the slabs to emphasize their geologic characteristics. He has used shells, mother of pearl, tiger's eye or bands of copper to create one-of-a-kind slabs for homes and stores.

For one client, his team took inspiration from the home's location: "The (kitchen) island has a topographic feature which was taken from a map of their property. There are also various pebbles from the property, and a few fossils that were inlaid as well," he says. (reachingquiet.com)

Lace patterns

Danish designer Doreen Westphal uses fine Belgian lace to make patterns and moulds for concrete curtains, vases and tables. There's a yin-yang tension that emerges from the interplay of the delicate lace motifs and the sturdy concrete. (menschmadedesign.com)

All about that wooden base

AllModern's got an affordable collection of rustic, modern, concrete side and coffee tables with wooden bases. Also here is Montreal-based CDI International's collection of mid-century modern-style coffee table and stools with oak legs. (allmodern.com)

Legs of steel

West Elm has the little Mesa side table cast in a composite concrete that relieves some of

A virtual 3D mock-up of the apartment on Dexter.
HOME BY ME

Amazing and cheap

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Boston-based designer Ben Oyeda

the weight of the solid material. Brass-finished steel legs hold a cantilevered concrete top in an industrial-chic console. (westelm.com)

Throw a curve

Crate & Barrel's Mason Parson's-style coffee, side and console tables are made of concrete embedded with an aggregate that adds interest. The retailer has introduced the curvy new Morocco concrete dining table this spring, for indoors or out. (crateandbarrel.com)

Cast away

Restoration Hardware's got a honed concrete table top on a wood base crafted from British timbers; the juxtaposition of materials makes for a striking piece.

And the retailer's Malay cast-concrete coffee table resembles a chunk of sun-bleached driftwood; like the dining table above, it would work indoors or out.

A concrete game table would make a substantial permanent fixture for outdoor entertaining. Add the Laguna fibre-cast concrete fire pit, a sleek coffee table-size piece with glass panels and a contemporary vibe. (restorationhardware.com)

In print

If the look of concrete intrigues you but you're not prepared to deal with the material itself, consider wallpaper photoprinted to look like raw concrete slabs; some even come with graffiti, if you're after an edgier look. (concretewall.no) THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Nico concrete stool, would be a useful piece on a patio, or in an urban indoor living space. ALLMODERN.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

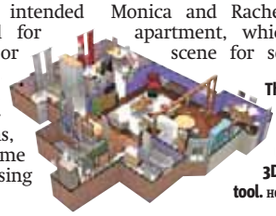
A dining table with a weathered teak base that supports a honed concrete top. The Restoration Hardware piece could work indoors or out. RESTORATION HARDWARE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Concrete Chic coffee table's top is finished with a lacquer to protect it and give it a weathered metal look. ALLMODERN.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TV fans use 3D reno tool to recreate small-screen interiors

Using an online 3D modelling platform, fans of Friends, Dexter, The Big Bang Theory and How I Met Your Mother have replicated the dwellings of their favourite characters.

HomeByMe, a web-based 3D design platform, is intended primarily as a tool for planning renovations or construction projects. From floor plans and wall coverings to furniture and decorations, every element of a home can be modelled using the platform.



The Friends apartment recreated using an online 3D modelling tool. HOME BY ME

But rather than planning their own projects, some TV fans have used HomeByMe to model some of the most famous interiors in small screen history.

Friends enthusiasts have created a virtual replica of Monica and Rachel's famous apartment, which set the scene for so many of their adventures with Phoebe, Joey, Chandler and Ross. The 3D model is surprisingly accurate, incorporating even the tiniest details seen on TV to capture the original ambiance.

HomeByMe offers a 360-degree view of project models as well as a virtual walk-through, so users can actually stroll through Monica and Rachel's rooms. TV fans can also take a tour of the cosy home of the serial killer Dexter Morgan, or of the apartments seen on The Big Bang Theory and How I Met Your Mother. AFP

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Gritty graffiti indoors

Art is more than canvas, paint or photography. Look around outside and you'll see all sorts of self-expression that just might make its way inside your home and inspire a new way of thinking about art. The drive-by images of street art can add an energetic vibe to even the stuffiest of rooms

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Pure Evil steps up to the plate

Granny's dining room walls never looked so chic! Royal Doulton's Street Art Pure Evil Decor Collection: Set of four china plates are $110 at TheBay.com

Book 'em

A quarter century of street art by one of the world's most-recognized artists. ACT-4, 25 Years: 1989-2014 by WK Interact, $40, Chapters.Indigo.ca

Scrub up good

Be awash in the midst of creativity. Graffiti In Prague shower curtain, $86, CafePress.ca

A Crash course in art

Collect limited edition street art from around the world for 20 bucks (launching in April). Graffiti Letters art print by John Crash Matos, $20. Stromby frame, $35, Ikea.com

The writing's on the wall

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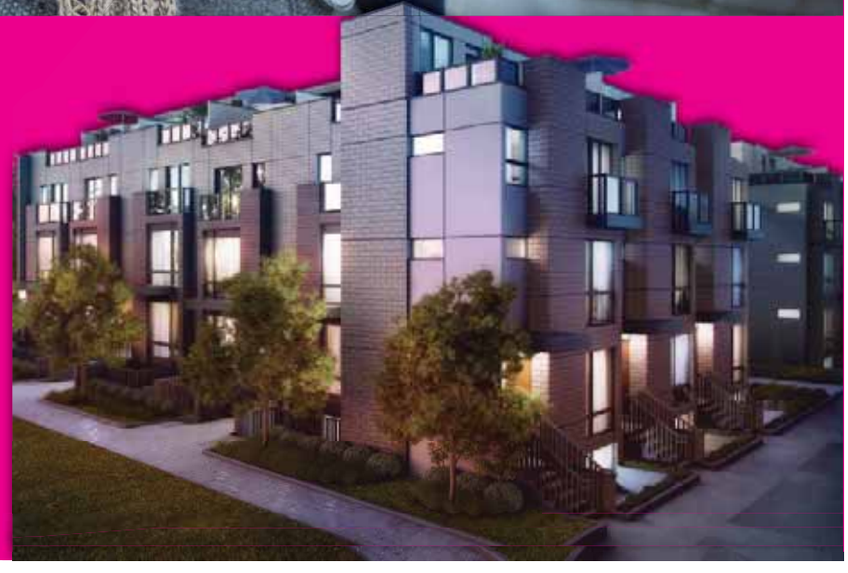

Eggs charmingly in their cups

The egg cup is one of the most eccentric and delightful tableware items, and one designers never tire of revisiting. Here are some of the latest examples

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Make a knight of it

Halfway between a serving dish and a toy, this friendly egg cup from Pa Design is dressed like a knight from the pages of a storybook (approximately $11).

Just plain sycamore

Given its simple function — to hold a round item in an upright position — the egg cup can also be pared down to its most minimalistic expression. The proof lies in a series of ultra-simple egg cups in sycamore wood by designer Florence Garenne-Sandinha (approximately $39, available at La Trésorerie).

The Nest best thing

Chef Pierre Gagnaire and designer Christian Ghion invented an egg cup that also serves as a dish for cooking the perfect soft boiled egg. Made of porcelain stoneware, Le Nid (The Nest) may be used in the oven or in a boiling water bath. The Nest sits in a stainless steel perch (approximately $50).

Hold court

A plastic egg cup designed by Marcel Wanders for Alessi sits atop a fancy notched column, like a judge on the stand. Its spoon has a tiny egg-opening gavel at the end of the handle (price available on request).

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Take a new approach to decluttering based on advice from Japan's professional organizing superstar Marie Kondo. ISTOCK

Organize your home the 'KonMari' way

Spring cleaning. Marie Kondo's best tips from The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up

Marie Kondo is like the Beyoncé of Japan — a larger-than-life superstar. But unlike Beyoncé, Kondo is a professional organizer and tidier. Her book The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing is making waves among Americans who want to learn how to live a neater and more zen lifestyle.

We read the book, and can vouch for its life-changing impact. Here are the lessons we learned from Kondo through her technique, which she calls the "KonMari Method."

Get rid of unnecessary possessions

The KonMari method is to ask yourself if it "sparks joy." How can you tell? Don't think about whether or not you "might need it later" or if someone gave it to you as a gift — pick it up, touch it and decide if you feel a visceral joy for this item.

If not, thank the item for serving its purpose to you (whether or not you actually used it or if it just gave you momentary joy when you purchased it) and toss it. Kondo is adamant that you must throw things away before you try to reorder your home.

Do big purges

Don't chip away at your mess. Kondo says if you don't want to relapse into your slobbish ways, do your big discards at once. Why? Kondo says when you tidy completely, "you transform the scenery" and the tidiness will inspire you to keep it neat.

Tidy in order

Tidying isn't emotionally easy, so Kondo recommends tidying in the following order: clothes, books, papers, random items and lastly, mementos. Kondo says we're not as attached to our clothes as we are to mementos, so this is the easiest order for us to tidy to build up resistance to being overly sentimental.

Put everything on the floor

Kondo says it's easier to assess an item if you take it out of hibernation. You'll be able to see them better, and it will be easier for you to pick up each item and touch it to see if it sparks joy.

Store everything vertically if possible

Kondo likes to store everything upright. She says stacking wears out the bottom items and that it's easier to see what you have when it's stored upright instead of at the bottom of a pile.

Also, stacking is more difficult when items are stored vertically, which means you are less likely to take on unnecessary clutter. Kondo folds up her clothes so they stand on edge and even stores her carrots vertically in the refrigerator.

Use shoeboxes

Kondo is against buying pricey storage containers, especially if they're not square or rectangular.

She suggests shoeboxes because they are durable and the perfect size for storing small items. She even likes using the lids to store spices inside cabinets.

Kondo's timing couldn't be better — spring cleaning is just around the corner. Get ready for a "joy" ride!

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Wiggins' T-Wolves whiff in Toronto debut

Vaughan's Andrew Wiggins drives past the Raptors' DeMar DeRozan on Wednesday night in Toronto. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA. After getting into early foul trouble, Vaughan phenom fails to catch fire at ACC

The Toronto Raptors spoiled the Andrew Wiggins homecoming Wednesday night and continued their recent mastery of the Minnesota Timberwolves in the process.

Jonas Valanciunas had a double-double with 15 points and 15 rebounds and DeMar DeRozan added 21 points in a 105-100 Toronto victory. Kevin Martin led all scorers with 37 points for Minnesota.

The injury-depleted Timberwolves turned in a strong effort against the Atlantic Division leaders.

Toronto led for most of the game but Minnesota cut the lead to two with 2:01 to play. DeRozan answered with a rainbow jump shot and after a quick steal, Lou Williams scored on a layup to give the Raptors a six-point lead.

With 55 seconds left, Greivis Vasquez hit a three-pointer as the shot-clock expired to give Toronto some breathing room.

It was the first pro game in Toronto for Wiggins, the 20-year-old forward from nearby Vaughan.

He showed flashes of his sky-high potential but was hampered by early foul trouble. The first overall pick in last year's NBA draft had 15 points on 6-for-9 shooting with three rebounds on the night.

Toronto guard Kyle Lowry left the game midway through the third quarter with a back contusion and did not return.

There was no word on his status immediately following the game.

The Raptors improved to 41-27 by beating the Timberwolves for the seventh straight time and 11th time in a row at home.

The Raptors led by as many as seven points in the early going but Martin's hot shooting kept the Timberwolves close. He hit four three-point attempts and had 18 points in the first quarter, the most by a Toronto opponent in any quarter this season.

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On Wednesday

105	100
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- **Canada questions.** Andrew Wiggins hasn't decided yet whether or not he'll play for Canada in this summer's Pan American Games.
- "I'm going to deal with all that once the season is over," Wiggins said.
- While he was non-committal about when, Wiggins did say he's "looking forward" to playing for Canada again.
- He and Canadian teammate Anthony Bennett were both questioned during the morning shootaround about their national team plans for a summer that includes both the Toronto-hosted Pan Am Games and the FIBA Americas Olympic qualifying tournament.

Top picks, different perspectives

"It's mind-blowing. Great opportunity to play in the NBA. It's an honour to be back home and play where I grew up at."

No. 1 pick in 2014 Andrew Wiggins who came home to play in Toronto for the first time and is likely to become NBA rookie of the year

"It's been disappointing not to play the whole month.... But coming back home, a lot of family, friends, fans in Toronto, it's just always depressing."

Brampton's Anthony Bennett — the No. 1 pick in 2013 — hasn't been having nearly as much luck, and was ruled out of Wednesday's game with an ankle injury.

NHL. Leafs implore Kadri to learn from 4-game ban

Nazem Kadri was suspended four games by the NHL on Wednesday for a head hit on Matt Fraser on Monday in Edmonton. GETTY IMAGES

Nazem Kadri's potential as a team leader — even a future captain — may not be tarnished as much as his latest controversy might suggest.

In fact, coach Peter Horachek believes Kadri's four-game suspension Wednesday should cement another hard lesson to Kadri's mindset and enhance his leadership abilities.

"It's good for him, good lessons he's going through," Horachek said after practice Wednesday, three hours after Kadri learned of his suspension and subsequent fine for $141,463.41 for his hit to the head on Edmonton's Matt Fraser Monday.

"(Kadri is) facing some adversity and he's dealing with it ... and there's the idea here that it makes him stronger, so he can tell the next person who comes along (this path) his experiences. That leadership is part of it. I don't think he's a dirty player, I think he needs to play with a hard edge and finish his checks. (Fraser) was in a vulnerable position, and these things happen."

Kadri will definitely feel financial pain from this suspension; it was more than doubled due to his repeat offender status. Kadri received a three-game suspension 17 months ago for his hit to the head on Minnesota goalie Niklas Backstrom.

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Around sports Wednesday

1 Tennis. Errors plague Eugenie in Cali

Quebec's Eugenie Bouchard had 74 unforced errors in losing 6-7 (5), 7-5 6-4 to Lesia Tsurenko of Ukraine at the BNP Paribas Open. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 MLB. Rays drop Jays

Toronto's Mark Buehrle gave up three runs and seven hits over 4-1/3 innings as the Blue Jays fell 9-3 to Tampa Bay in spring training. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3 Curling. Jones eyes world playoffs

Winnipeg's Jennifer Jones slipped to second in the standings after falling 7-6 to Switzerland in the late draw at the women's world curling championship Wednesday in Sapporo, Japan. THE CANADIAN PRESS

International play to thin Toronto roster

MLS. FIFA national teams draw Toronto talent home, away from Salt Lake City game

It's a bye week for Toronto FC in MLS but coach Greg Vanney still has plenty to ponder.

His team is awaiting word on its appeal of left fullback Justin Morrow's sending-off in Saturday's 2-0 loss to Columbus.

And all three designated players could be away on international duty for Toronto's next game, a March 29 contest away to Real Salt Lake.

Midfielder Michael Bradley and striker Jozy Altidore are both on the preliminary roster for U.S. friendlies next Wednesday in Denmark and March 31 in Switzerland.

And playmaker Sebastian Giovinco awaits word on whether he is needed for Italy's European qualifier in Bulgaria on March 28 and Turin friendly against England on March 31.

In the meantime, the Toronto coach is using the time off to look within.

"This gives us a little bit of a pause for us to really look at ourselves and improve on some of the things that we need to improve on as we move forward as a group," Vanney said after practice Wednesday.

"We're still working out some kinks," said Bradley, who is acutely aware that the more time the team takes to gel, the longer the road to the playoffs may be.

"We have to move ourselves forward in a strong way and we have to push the envelope every single day in terms of how we train and how we prepare ourselves for games on the weekend," he added.

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Toronto FC Captain Michael Bradley
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Ivan Rakitic, centre, celebrates with Barcelona teammates Luis Suarez, Neymar and Lionel Messi after the Croatian international's match-winning goal on Wednesday against Manchester City.
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Barcelona's great streak continues

Lionel Messi helped Barcelona to a convincing 1-0 win over Manchester City on Wednesday that only goalkeeper Joe Hart prevented from becoming a rout, as the Spanish hosts reached the Champions League quarterfinals for a record eighth consecutive season.

Faced with the daunting task of overturning a 2-1 first-leg loss, Manuel Pellegrini's City needed an inspired showing from Hart just to avoid a thrashing as Messi and Neymar ran amok at Camp Nou.

A superb pass by Messi for Ivan Rakitic allowed the midfielder to score in the 31st-minute of a lopsided first half that saw Neymar and Luis Suarez hit the woodwork for the home side, while a rattled City racked up four bookings to one shot on goal.

City's only chance of a lifeline came with a penalty in the 78th minute, but Barcelona keeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen saved Sergio Aguero's spot-kick.

"It was a great game," Messi said. "We are confident, important things are head for us. I'm enjoying this moment just like the rest of the team."

City has now lost to Barcelona at this stage of the competition for two years in a row, and is still waiting to make its first appearance in the final eight of Europe's top-tier tournament.

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Hernandez trial. Victim's family objects to mom's kiss

The family of the man former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez is accused of killing has confronted a security officer after Hernandez's mother was allowed to kiss her son's hand in the courtroom.

The kiss happened Tuesday when the judge and jury were out of the courtroom. Hernandez is accused of the 2013 killing of Odin Lloyd.

After a morning break, Hernandez's mother leaned toward her son sitting at the defence table and asked a court officer if she could touch him.

He said yes, and she grabbed his hand, then kissed it. Hernandez smiled, then rubbed his eyes as his aunt and uncle cried. He then thanked the officer.

Outside the courtroom Wednesday, Lloyd's family told the officer they no longer have a son to kiss.

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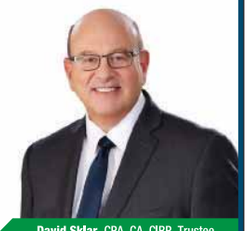
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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Someone will play on your emotions over the next 24 hours, maybe for fun or maybe because they think they can get something out of it. Ruin their plans by refusing to get uptight.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Friends and family are on your mind but they are unlikely to mix, so focus on one and catch up on the other later on.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Watch what you say because if you let slip something that people in positions of authority find offensive it could damage your reputation.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
There is no need to go to extremes, even though certain individuals may be urging you to do so. Especially where business is concerned, avoid excessive behaviour.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You like to shock and the planets suggest you will do something outrageous over the next 24 hours. If it's a joke you will need to make sure that everyone can see it's a joke.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
An upheaval is likely over the next few days and there is precious little you can do about it. Actually, if you keep your emotions in check you could gain from someone else's loss.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Work and health matters will be uppermost in your mind today and tomorrow, which is good because you have been overdoing it of late.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Use the approaching solar eclipse to get a creative project off to a start. If you pour energy and into it now you will build up the kind of momentum that carries you through to the end.

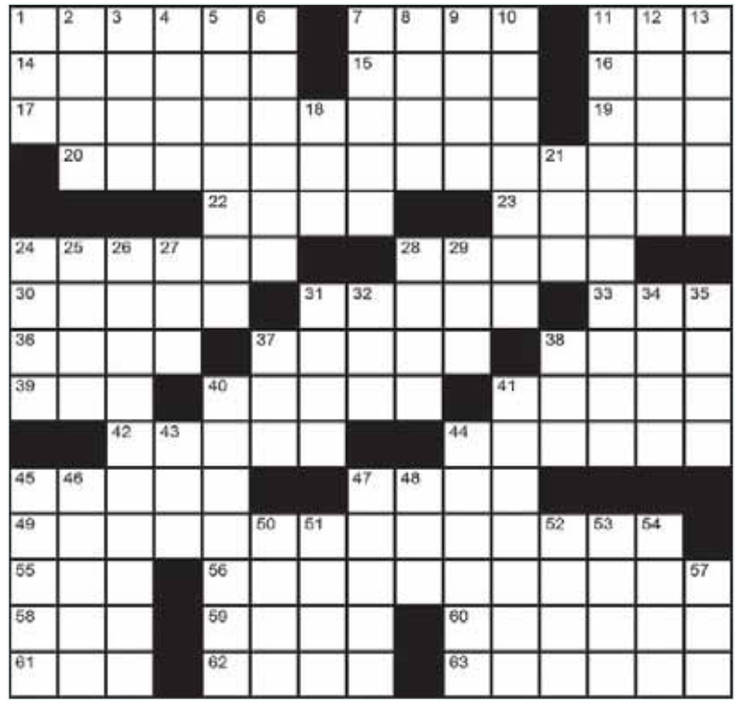
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Challenges are opportunities in disguise, which means you will have at least one and maybe several opportunities to shine over the next few days.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You can sense something good is going to happen but there is no need to hurry it along. Venus, planet of harmony, in your fellow Earth sign of Taurus means the right opportunity will arrive at just the right time.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may be disappointed that something of value is moving out of your life, but don't be. The planets suggest something even better will soon be along.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Tomorrow's eclipse in your sign means it is the time to go for glory. No matter how many times you failed you will succeed now. Be positive.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Creme de __ (Black currant liqueur)
7. Centres, curtly
11. USN rank
14. Woolly camel-like animal
15. Ms. Brickell of song
16. Roadside mil. hazard
17. Meaning of 'Klee Wyck', Emily Carr's nickname: 2 wds.
19. Fight ender, commonly
20. Carly Rae Jepsen's latest song: 4 wds.
22. Ship's deck officer, commonly
23. "__ Gantry" (1960)
24. Beaver: French
28. Winter coat
30. Governed
31. Shocks
33. American '66', e.g.
36. Ancient war god
37. John's "Grease" (1978) role
38. Tattooing turf
39. "The DUFF" (2015) actress Ms. Whitman
40. Ms. Spacek
41. Concede/grant
42. Into-hockey-nets projectiles
44. Country legend Ms. West
45. Embarrassing public disturbance
47. Store
49. AHL team: 2 wds.
55. Folklore creature
56. Quebec town on the Ottawa River
58. New Zealand parrot
59. 'Fed' suffix
60. More breezy
61. Be imperfect
62. Feed on food
63. Sound system sort

Down
1. Pres. Coolidge
2. Jai's court partner
3. Cowboy boot attachment
4. Having wisdom
5. "Sleepy Hollow" on Global TV fellow Mr. Crane
6. Maritime crew person
7. FOX News anchor Ms. Kelly
8. Graven image
9. Original host of "Cityline" Ms. Petty
10. Questers
11. NB: Saint John __
12. Orange __ (Tea)
13. Glade target
18. Belonging to Gander's li'l province, variantly
21. Banff sighting
24. Study hard
25. Lady Gaga song
26. Type of VIA Rail passenger accommodation: 2 wds.
27. Mr. Lawrence, et al.
28. Small
29. "__ takers?"
31. Ms. Jordan
32. Heavy wts.
34. Bryan Adams' "18 __ _ Die"
35. The Neverending Story author Michael
37. Cartoonist Mr. Browne
38. Meet
40. __ candles
41. Yogurt brand
43. One, in Madrid
44. A bride in "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" (1954)
45. Tend the fire
46. Kitchen gadget
47. Snapshot pose
48. Possesses
50. Ms. Hatcher
51. Where Muscat is the capital
52. 2002 Literature Nobelist Mr. Kertesz
53. The Queen's cypher: letter + Roman Numeral + letter
54. Snick-or-__
57. Miracle-__ (Plant food brand)

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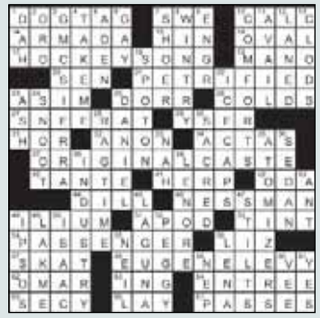

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9	7	5	2	1	4	8	3	6
3	6	4	5	8	9	7	2	1
6	9	1	8	3	2	5	4	7
4	5	8	7	9	6	2	1	3
2	3	7	4	5	1	9	6	8
7	4	9	3	6	5	1	8	2
5	2	3	1	4	8	6	7	9
8	1	6	9	2	7	3	5	4

Today's Sudoku

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8				5				3

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